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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

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1955



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF

## The Town Officers

OF

## Fairhaven, Mass.



FOR THE

## Year 1955

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# **Town of Fairhaven**

Settled 1653

Incorporated 1812

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Population 13,376 — 1955 Census

Ninth Congressional District

First Councillor District

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Third Bristol Senatorial District

Ninth Bristol Representative District

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## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Second Saturday in March

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## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

First Monday in February

# Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOWN

Located

On the Shore of Buzzards Bay

56 Miles from Boston

1 Mile from New Bedford

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Registered Voters—7156

Tax Rate—\$60.00

Valuation—\$14,407,810.

Area—7,497 Acres

Miles of Streets and Roads—Approximately 60

Number of Dwellings—5225

Churches—9

Public Schools—6

Private Schools—3

Banks—2

Shore Resorts—8

Parks—10

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## PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES

Ship Building

Fishing Industry

Winches & Fishing Machinery

Diesel Engine Repairing

Tack & Nail Making

Loom Crank Shafts

Oil Refinery

Fish Freezing

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## BENEFACTIONS OF THE LATE HENRY H. ROGERS

Millicent Library

Town Hall

High School

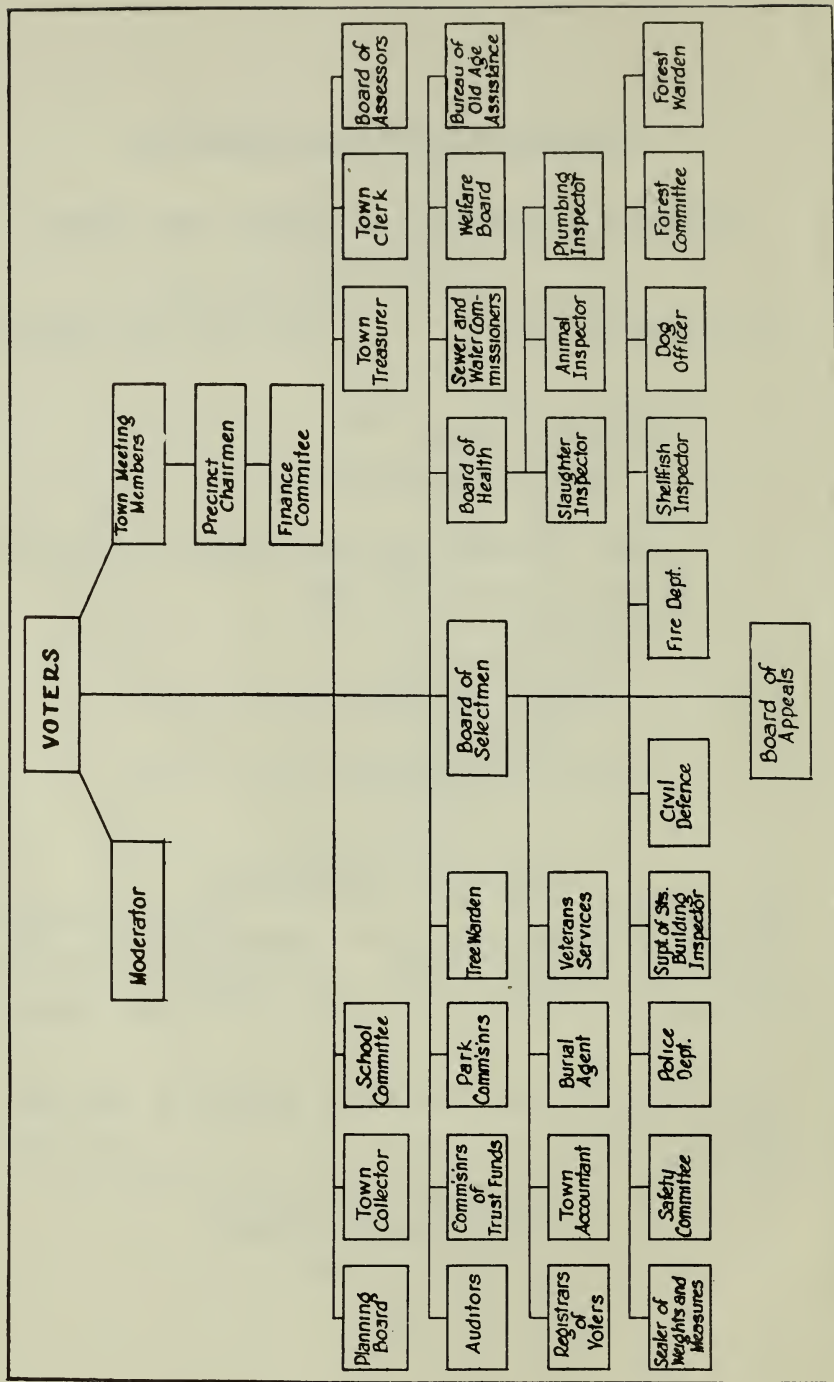
Rogers School

Fairhaven Water Works

Unitarian Memorial Church

Cushman Park

# - ORGANIZATION - OF - FAIRHAVEN - TOWN - GOVERNMENT -



# Calendar

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## BOARD MEETINGS

SELECTMEN—Every Monday at 7:00 P.M. Telephone 2-5416.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE—Every Monday following Selectmen's Meetings. Telephones 2-5416—6-9045.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Second Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. Telephone 3-1241.

SEWER and WATER COMMISSIONERS—Every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Telephone 3-8531.

BUILDING INSPECTOR—Business transacted in Assessors' Office daily from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday to Friday. Saturdays 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—Office located at Town Yard, Rotch Street, and is open 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday to Friday. Saturdays 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon.

## THOSE OFFICES NOT MAINTAINING OFFICE HOURS IN THE TOWN HALL MAY BE REACHED AS FOLLOWS:

SHELLFISH INSPECTOR: 163 Main St., Fairhaven. Telephone 9-6367.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS and DOG OFFICER: 138 Alden Road, Fairhaven. Telephone 2-1561.

SLAUGHTER INSPECTOR: 373 Alden Road, Fairhaven. Telephone 2-3557.

INSPECTOR OF WIRES: 110 Green St., Fairhaven. Telephone 3-1963.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS and MEASURES: 67 Cedar Street, Fairhaven. Telephone 8-5154.

INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM: 11 Bridge Street, Fairhaven. Telephone 2-0125.

TREE WARDEN: 134 Bridge St., Fairhaven. Telephones 3-0866, 2-7700.

WHARFINGER: 104 Main Street. Telephone 2-9046.

PARK COMMISSIONERS: Call Joseph L. Faria, Jr., 39 Elizabeth Street, Fairhaven. Telephone 3-9292.

# Directory of Town Officers

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## LEGISLATIVE

STUART M. BRIGGS, Moderator      Term expires 1956

### Finance Committee

#### At Large

John J. Black	Term expires 1956
F. Eben Brown	Term expires 1956
Charles A. Maxfield	Term expires 1956

#### Precinct 1

D. Austin Sistare (Sec.)	Term expires 1956
Jack B. Hirschman	Term expires 1957
Howard Copeland	Term expires 1958

#### Precinct 2

John B. Humphreys	Term expires 1956
Webster Wilde	Term expires 1957
Russell E. Shaw	Term expires 1958

#### Precinct 3

James B. Taylor	Term expires 1956
Walter J. Borowicz (Chairman)	Term expires 1957
Gilbert Vieira	Term expires 1958

#### Precinct 4

William Flack	Term expires 1956
Augustus H. Xavier	Term expires 1957
Dorothy Rogers	Term expires 1958

#### Precinct 5

Louis E. Doucette	Term expires 1956
Joseph McKenzie	Term expires 1957
Marinus Vander Pol	Term expires 1958

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ALBERT E. STANTON	Term expires 1956
CHARLES W. KNOWLTON	Term expires 1957
WALTER SILVEIRA	Term expires 1958
Claudia I. Schiller	Secretary
Addie M. Stowell	Clerk



**TOWN CLERK**

MICHAEL J. O'LEARY  
Delphine B. Lanagan

Term expires 1956  
Assistant Town Clerk

**TREASURER**

MICHAEL J. O'LEARY  
Rose E. G. Keen

Term expires 1956  
Assistant Town Treasurer

**TAX COLLECTOR**

THOMAS J. McDERMOTT  
Helen M. Westgate

Term expires 1956  
Assistant to Tax Collector

**DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR**

John F. Hennessey

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Irva M. Bushnell

**ASSESSORS**

CHRISTOPHER J. BIRTWISTLE  
CLARENCE A. TERRY  
SUSAN B. VINCENS

Term expires 1956  
Term expires 1957  
Term expires 1958

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

CLARENCE A. TERRY  
DR. C. E. P. THOMPSON  
DR. FILBERT A. SILVEIRA, Agent

Term expires 1956  
Term expires 1957  
Term expires 1958

**TOWN PHYSICIAN**

Dr. C. E. P. Thompson

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Dr. Edward J. Mee  
Grace E. Smalley, R. N.  
John M. Reilly  
Eben P. Hirst

Dentist  
District Nurse  
Plumbing Inspector  
Assistant Plumbing Inspector

**SHELLFISH INSPECTOR**

Tracy W. Marks

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Samuel C. Barrett

**DOG OFFICER**

Samuel C. Barrett

### **SLAUGHTER INSPECTOR**

Henry Stevens

### **SEWER AND WATER COMMISSIONERS**

JOHN M. REILLY	Term expires 1956
LAWRENCE B. MAXFIELD	Term expires 1957
G. WINSTON VALENTINE	Term expires 1958
Elizabeth H. Church	Clerk

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

EDITH M. MOORE (resigned)	Term expires 1956
JOHN T. MORGAN (to fill unexpired term)	
RAYMOND G. ARCHAMBAULT	Term expires 1956
ALBERT M. GONSALVES	Term expires 1957
WALDO E. HAYDON	Term expires 1957
CLARENCE E. MAGUIRE	Term expires 1958
CECIL H. WHITTIER	Term expires 1958
Flavel M. Gifford	Superintendent
Beatrice M. DeCoffe	Secretary to the Superintendent
Grace M. Battistelli	Clerk

### **REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

George A. Selley	Term expires 1956
Dorothy S. Kearns, Chairman	Term expires 1957
James F. Murray	Term expires 1958
Michael J. O'Leary	Town Clerk

### **SAFETY COUNCIL**

Norman D. Shurtleff	E. Cooper Jacques
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### **CHIEF OF POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Norman D. Shurtleff

### **BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS**

Frank Rogers	Audell W. Monk
Augustus H. Xavier	Harold S. Macomber, Jr.
Lindsey S. Gifford	

### **CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM**

Frank Rogers

### **CIVIL DEFENSE**

Dr. Arthur J. Mullen	Director
Rose L. Lawton	Secretary

**INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

Clifton A. Hacker

**ASSOCIATE INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

John C. Avila

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Charles P. Thatcher (deceased)

**INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM**

Augustus H. Xavier

**COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS**

CHARLES RADCLIFFE, JR.	Term expires 1956
BRADFORD W. LUTHER	Term expires 1957
ORRIN B. CARPENTER	Term expires 1958

**BOARD OF RETIREMENT**

Elizabeth H. Church, Chairman  
Irva M. Bushnell, Clerk  
Michael J. O'Leary

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

<b>OLD AGE ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN</b>
ALBERT E. STANTON	Term expires 1956
CHARLES W. KNOWLTON	Term expires 1957
WALTER SILVEIRA	Term expires 1958
Claudia I. Schiller	Social Work Supervisor
Marion D. Candage	Social Worker
Edith B. Horne	Social Worker
Gladys M. Boyd	Social Worker
Edith S. Alden	Senior Clerk-Typist
Doris S. Terry (Intermittent)	Junior Clerk-Stenographer
Clara S. Durfee	Junior Clerk-Typist
Marguerite Hansen (provisional)	Jr. Clerk-Stenographer

**PLANNING BOARD**

ARSENE G. DUVAL	Term expires 1956
KENNETH R. VINING	Term expires 1956
HERBERT L. CANDAGE	Term expires 1957
NOEL B. COUTURE	Term expires 1957
CHARLES R. DUGDALE	Term expires 1958
JAMES PARKINSON	Term expires 1958
ALFRED RAPHAEL	Term expires 1959
WILLIAM TALLMAN (resigned)	Term expires 1959

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Wendell T. Eldridge	Term expires 1956
William C. Brennan	Term expires 1957
Ellsworth M. Burgess (Associate)	Term expires 1957
Joseph A. Walker	Term expires 1958
Warren C. Thompson	Term expires 1959
Rudolph H. Brenneke	Term expires 1960

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Henry T. Howard	Superintendent
Ellsworth M. Burgess	Principal Clerk

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Henry T. Howard	Building Inspector
Susan B. Vincens	Clerk

#### **TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

JOHN JARVIS	Term expires 1958
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#### **PARK COMMISSIONERS**

JOSEPH L. FARIA, JR.	Term expires 1956
ERNEST TRIPANIER	Term expires 1957
LOUIS T. BROCK	Term expires 1958

#### **TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE**

Mabel L. Potter	Term expires 1956
Wallace B. Baylies	Term expires 1957
Kenneth R. Vining	Term expires 1958

#### **WHARFINGER**

Frank J. Cunniff

#### **MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK**

Ellsworth M. Burgess

#### **FIELD DRIVER**

Samuel C. Barrett

#### **FENCE VIEWER**

Clarence A. Terry	Christopher J. Birtwistle
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## OFFICERS OF FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

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Senators in Congress	Leverett Saltonstall John F. Kennedy
Representative in Congress Ninth Congressional District	Donald W. Nicholson

### GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Governor	Christian A. Herter
Lieutenant Governor	Sumner G. Whittier
Governor's Councillor	
First Councillor District	Harold R. Allen
Secretary of the Commonwealth	Edward J. Cronin
Treasurer and Receiver General	John F. Kennedy
Attorney General	George Fingold
Senator, Third Bristol District	Edmund Dinis
Representative, Ninth Bristol District	F. Eben Brown

### BRISTOL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Commissioners	Leo H. Coughlin Arthur R. Machado Charles A. Frates
Sheriff	Patrick H. Dupuis
Register of Deeds	Lawrence W. Caton
Treasurer	Ernest W. Kilroy
District Attorney	Maurice M. Lyons

### LOCAL JUDICIARY

#### Third District Court of Bristol:

Justice	August C. Taveira
Special Justice	Samuel Barnet
Special Justice	George H. Potter
Clerk	Walter R. Mitchell
Assistant Clerk	Mary E. Bannister
Second Assistant Clerk	Daisy L. Putz
Court Officer	Albert M. Gonsalves
Chief Probation Officer	George D. Cram
Assistant Probation Officers	Alfred F. Dunham Joseph M. Souza
Juvenile Probation Officer	Albert J. Moquin

# The Selectmen's Message

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## Organization

Organization of the Board of Selectmen: Walter Silveira, Chairman of the combined Boards of Selectmen and Public Welfare, with Charles W. Knowlton as Secretary. Albert E. Stanton was elected as Veterans' Agent.

## Hurricane Repairs

The attention of the Board members was given to the rebuilding and repairs of town property which was damaged by the 1954 hurricane and to seeing to it that bills for the work were submitted to the State Hurricane Relief Board for reimbursement. We are gratified to report that due to the co-operation of the Department heads and the Town Accountant, the town received almost complete reimbursement. An account of expenses incurred and reimbursement received for these hurricane repairs is submitted herewith.

Payments		Receipts	
\$65,611.46	Total spent under Chapter 689	\$86,187.65	Total from State under Chapter 689
4,485.70	Total in 1955 out of Appropriation	5,326.76	Total from Insurance
24,069.79	Total raised in the 1955 Tax Levy		
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\$94,166.95	Total Cost	\$91,514.41	Total Reimbursement
		2,652.54	Cost to the Town
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		\$94,166.95	

## Abatements

The State paid the Town \$23,576.30 to cover abatements made on 1954 Real Estate due to damage caused by the hurricane, in addition to money reported above.

## Junior High School

A Junior High School — whether or not it should be built in this town — required several town meetings and a referendum vote, and was the chief topic discussed at numerous meetings and conferences during the year. At



the close of the year the matter was in exactly the same status as at the beginning and will again be brought up at the 1956 Annual Meeting.

### **Town Hall**

Improvements and repairs were made at the town hall. The waterproofing of the exterior was completed this year with work on the east side. Painting in the basement, for which the contract was awarded, will be done next year.

### **Town Infirmary**

Repairs were made to the Town Infirmary, as directed by the State, and a fire escape was installed; after which a license was granted by the Department of Public Health for a Boarding Home for the Aged.

### **Town Beach**

The town bathing beach at West Island was used by the townspeople in increasing numbers and no special problems were presented, but we feel some restrictions may have to be placed on use of the parking lot by persons from out of town.

### **Town By-Laws**

The need for revision of the town By-Laws, relating to the erection of billboards, is recommended due to experiences in the past year with the State's method of granting permits. The erection of billboards on Sconticut Neck Road was protested by us and every means used to prevent the permit being granted by the Outdoor Advertising Authority, but our efforts were of no avail. We are advised by the attorney whom the Board consulted that the only remedy for the situation is revision of the section of the town By-Law, which is to be considered at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1956.

### **Appreciation**

In closing, we wish to thank the Department Heads, especially those under our particular jurisdiction, for the fine co-operation which they have given in administering the affairs of this town during the past year.

WALTER SILVEIRA

ALBERT E. STANTON

CHARLES W. KNOWLTON

Board of Selectmen

## Town Accountant

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

Following is the report of all financial transactions of the Town of Fairhaven during the year ending December 31, 1955.

This includes a balance sheet, an analysis of the appropriation accounts; and, classification of all receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVA M. BUSHNELL,

Town Accountant

# BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1955

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### ASSETS

Cash	
General	\$373,541.36
Petty	25.00
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Accounts Receivable	\$373,566.36
Taxes	
Levy of 1954	
Real Estate	
Levy of 1955	
Poll	17,602.69
Personal	20.00
Real Estate	1,260.00
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Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	58,458.54
Levy of 1954	
Levy of 1955	
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Departmental	33.71
Town Hall	16,380.21
Shellfish Grants	
Highway	
Public Welfare	
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	120.00
	360.00
	66.49
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	1,925.00

### LIABILITIES

Petty Cash Reserve		\$25.00
Revenue—Reserved until collected		
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$16,413.92	
Tax Title and Tax Possessions	21,294.14	
Departmental	25,793.59	
Aid to Highways	12,122.16	
Water	2,716.78	
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Tax Title Receipts Reserved		\$78,340.59
Deposits		823.47
Recoveries—Old Age and Disability		4,431.32
Sale of Real Estate Fund		10,084.30
Trust Funds—Income		3,004.00
Stoddard Fund	2,149.30	
Spritt Fund	137.41	
Trowbridge Fund	124.80	
Chadwick Fund	52.50	
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Lady Fairhaven Gift		2,464.01
Withholding Taxes		551.59
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		5,856.33

A. D. C.	4,060.52	Blue Cross	29.90
O. A. A.	813.30	Contributory Retirement	103.73
Veterans Benefits	12,836.35	County Dog Licenses	32.00
School	248.05	Misc. Tailings	528.45
Union Wharf	5,363.88	School Lunch	3,131.22
		School Athletic	2,275.77
Tax Titles	6,389.46		
Tax Possessions	14,904.68	Federal Grants	5,406.99
		A. D. C.	7,239.50
Chapter 90	2,000.00	O. A. A.	16,495.08
Maintenance	10,122.16	D. A.	3,413.26
Construction			
		Unexpended Balances	27,167.84
Water Rates	2,654.18	Overlay—Reserved for Abatements—1954	128,073.43
Water Service	62.60	Overlay—Chapter 689—Hurricane	10,680.85
		Overlay Surplus	23,576.30
Overlay 1954—Chap. 689		B. C. Tuberculosis Hospital Overestimate	10,196.14
Overlay Deficit		State Parks and Reservations—Overestimate	5,744.71
1953	98.87	App. Sewer Assessments Revenue—(not due)	266.16
1955	3,898.78	Surplus Revenue	1,025.57
			247,051.82
County Tax—Underestimate			
App. Sewer Assessments (not due)			
			<u>\$565,464.30</u>

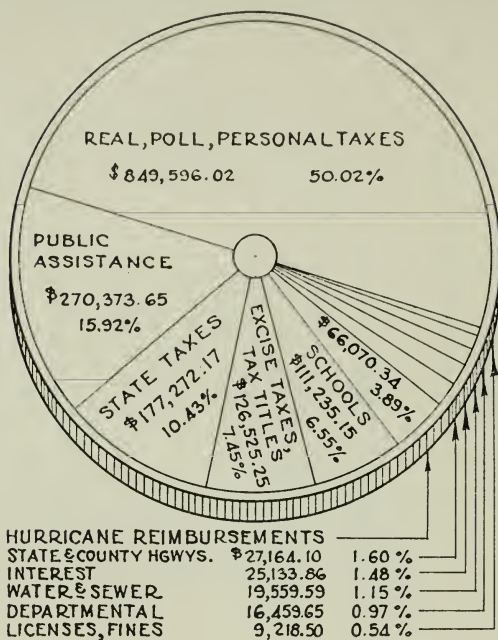
# DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt		Fire Department Equipment Loan	\$2,000.00
	\$704,600.00	Water System Loan	127,600.00
		School Additions Loan	575,000.00
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			\$704,600.00

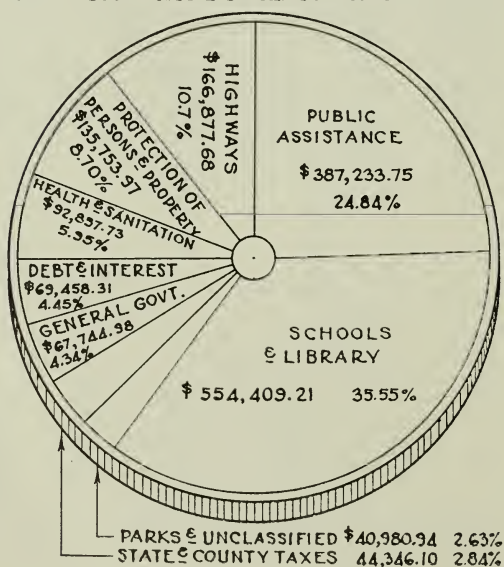
# TRUST, RETIREMENT, INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust Retirement, Investment Funds	\$877,203.04	James Ricketts Charity Fund	\$1,430.66
		Julia A. Stoddard Charity Fund	22,246.71
		Hannah Chadwick Charity Fund	500.00
		Andrus Spritt Charity Fund	10,000.00
		Rogers Elementary School Fund	112,506.01
		Rogers High School Fund	502,579.33
		Edmund Anthony School Fund	10,000.00
		Abner Pease School Fund	7,558.12
		Anna B. Trowbridge Fund	6,240.77
		Other School Funds	3,664.33
		Contributory Retirement System	125,083.64
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund	59,633.57
		Stabilization Fund	15,759.90
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			\$877,203.04

## SOURCE OF THE REVENUE DOLLAR 1955



## HOW THE REVENUE DOLLAR WAS SPENT 1955





## ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS

December 31, 1955

### GENERAL REVENUE

#### TAXES

Current Year		
Poll	\$6,764.00	
Personal	70,206.60	
Real Estate	711,763.99	
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Prior Years		
Poll	80.00	
Personal	2,858.69	
Real Estate	57,922.74	
	<hr/>	60,861.43
Tax Title Redemptions	3,176.36	
Sale Tax Possessions	4,271.47	
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Vessel Excise		812.86
From State		
Income Tax		
On Valuation Basis	24,454.86	
On Educational Basis	99,336.57	
Corporation Tax	48,144.30	
	<hr/>	171,935.73

#### FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fines	72.00
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#### LICENSES AND PERMITS

Liquor	5,548.00	
Peddlers	96.00	
All Other	2,422.50	
Marriage	298.00	
All Other	782.00	
	<hr/>	9,146.50

## GRANTS AND GIFTS

### Federal—Assistance and Administration

Old Age Assistance	92,548.76	
Aid to Dependent Children	19,279.05	
Disability Assistance	8,599.55	
	<hr/>	120,427.36

### State

Vocational Education	4,551.70	
School Construction	15,790.28	
Marine Fisheries	550.00	
School Transportation	7,846.79	
Meals Tax	5,336.44	
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County—Dog Fund		1,850.50
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## DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Treasurer	52.75	
Town Clerk	2,852.10	
Selectmen	765.04	
Town Hall	1,030.00	
Town Property	9.00	
Election and Registration	5.75	
	<hr/>	4,714.64

### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police	116.50	
Fire	441.89	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	170.00	
Building Inspection	527.00	
Planning Board	90.00	
Board of Appeals	52.00	
	<hr/>	1,397.39

### HEALTH AND SANITATION

#### Health

Dental Clinic	137.60
Health Subsidy	350.00

Sanitation —		
Sewer Connections	5,634.32	
Other	5.26	
	<hr/>	6,127.18

## HIGHWAYS

Maintenance Chapter 90		
State	664.36	
County	664.36	
Construction Chapter 90		
State	19,149.65	
County	5,518.93	
Sidewalk Construction	1,156.80	
All Other	10.00	
	<hr/>	27,164.10

## PUBLIC WELFARE

Infirmary Board		110.00
Temporary Aid		
State	1,737.06	
Cities and Towns	6,299.21	
Individuals	144.00	
	<hr/>	8,180.27
Aid to Dependent Children		
State		12,617.95
Old Age Assistance		
State	95,688.52	
Cities and Towns	7,219.28	
	<hr/>	102,907.80
Disability Assistance		
State		9,313.16
Veterans Benefits		
State		16,817.11

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools		
Tuition	21,761.57	
State Transportation	1,482.33	

School Lunch and Athletic	59,553.39	
Sale of Books	18.90	
All Other	30.19	
	<hr/>	82,846.38
Library		
Insurance		200.00

## COMMERCIAL REVENUE

### RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Hurricane Reimbursement	66,070.34	
Sale of Real Estate	540.00	
	<hr/>	66,610.34

### PRIVILEGES AND ENTERPRISES

Privileges		
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Current	86,824.71	
Prior	30,439.85	
	<hr/>	117,264.56
Shellfish Grants		45.00
Enterprises		
Union Wharf		4,175.44
Water Rates and Service	12,595.82	
Water Connections	6,768.86	
	<hr/>	19,364.68

### SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Apportioned Sewers	194.91
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### MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue Loans	300,000.00
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### INTEREST

Deferred Taxes	2,790.00
Tax Titles	285.70
Special Assessments	61.62

Charity Funds	1,468.00	
School Funds	20,053.54	
Contributory Retirement	475.00	
	<hr/>	25,133.86

#### AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

County Dog Licenses	2,963.35	
Sale of Dogs	35.00	
Federal Withholding Taxes	70,375.12	
Mass. Hospital Service	7,054.10	
Contributory Retirement	22,294.32	
Deposits	17,445.09	
Recoveries	11,456.24	
	<hr/>	131,623.22

#### REFUNDS

General Departments	942.14	
Estimated Receipts	93.00	
Charities	2,008.43	
Hurricane Insurance	2,348.55	
All Other	11.12	
Tailings	47.80	
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2,137,623.04

Cash on hand January 1, 1955 261,981.52

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\$2,399,604.56

## ANALYSIS OF PAYMENTS

December 31, 1955

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### SELECTMEN

Salaries and Wages		
Selectmen	\$2,100.00	
Clerk	2,127.42	
Other Clerical	65.00	
Stationery and Postage	4.24	
Printing and Advertising	247.01	
Travel Expense	345.01	
Telephone	18.00	
Office Expense	121.79	
Printing Town Reports	1,830.93	
All Other	157.15	
	<hr/>	7,016.55
Cancelled Check	8.63	
	<hr/>	7,025.18

#### TREASURER

Salary and Wages		
Treasurer	3,100.00	
Clerk	2,119.94	
Printing and Postage	369.60	
Repairs	85.90	
Travel Expense	2.89	
Bonds	370.35	
Telephone	190.43	
Office Supplies	691.78	
Certification Notes	16.00	
All Other	22.60	
	<hr/>	6,969.49
Cancelled Check	14.00	
	<hr/>	6,983.49

#### TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Salary		
Accountant	2,200.00	
Travel Expense	25.59	
Office Expense	280.99	
Adding Machine Rental	40.00	
	<hr/>	2,546.58



## TOWN CLERK

Salary and Wages		
Town Clerk	900.00	
Clerk	2,116.00	
Printing and Postage	86.44	
Office Supplies	176.45	
New Equipment	71.55	
Certificates, Birth, Marriage, etc.	568.00	
All Other	24.29	
	<hr/>	3,942.73

## TOWN COLLECTOR

Salary and Wages		
Collector	3,640.00	
Clerk	2,500.00	
Other Clerical	1,250.00	
Stationery and Printing	379.23	
Postage	747.34	
Telephone	163.43	
Surety Bonds	463.35	
Office Expense	147.69	
Tax Title Expense	114.12	
All Other	15.00	
	<hr/>	9,420.16

## ASSESSORS

Salaries and Wages		
Assessors	7,363.44	
Clerical	650.00	
Canvassers	315.00	
Stationery and Postage	37.90	
New Equipment	164.50	
Travel Expense	195.86	
Telephone	148.43	
Office Expense	697.14	
Blue Prints	600.00	
Record Land Conveyances	150.00	
All Other	61.42	
	<hr/>	10,383.69
Cancelled Check	49.50	
	<hr/>	10,433.19

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		
Registrars	2,540.00	
Election Officers	1,134.00	
Canvassers	668.92	
All Other	462.45	
Stationery and Postage	123.21	
Printing and Advertising	516.59	
Telephone	24.60	
Travel	46.76	
Repairs and Equipment	252.08	
Office Supplies	14.45	
Redistricting	300.00	
Miscellaneous	131.01	
	<hr/>	
		6,214.07
Cancelled Check	5.44	
	<hr/>	
		6,219.51

## TOWN MEETING EXPENSE

Finance Committee		
Secretary	300.00	
Other Clerical	58.50	
Printing and Advertising	299.19	
All Other	74.95	
Town Meeting		
Payrolls	207.36	
Postage	27.64	
Printing and Advertising	867.78	
All Other	30.70	
	<hr/>	
		1,866.12

## MODERATOR

Moderator		
Salary		100.00
Legal Expense		
Town Counsel	2,146.60	
Special Attorneys	560.65	
	<hr/>	
		2,707.25

## TAX TITLE EXPENSE

Foreclosures	1,115.28	
Advertising	6.75	
All Other	25.20	
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		1,147.23

## TOWN HALL

Salaries and Wages		
Janitor	2,693.00	
All Other	6.40	
Fuel	2,155.16	
Light	1,194.70	
Building and Janitor Supplies	504.46	
Maintenance and Repairs	7,141.98	
Water	79.79	
All Other	43.88	
	<hr/>	13,819.37

## BOARD OF APPEALS

Clerical	50.00	
Advertising	58.45	
Supplies	26.53	
	<hr/>	134.98

## PLANNING BOARD

Clerical	50.00	
Advertising	33.18	
Plans	38.00	
All Other	57.50	
	<hr/>	178.68

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Town Hall Special	295.00	
Janitors Fees	20.00	
Reproducing Machine	490.25	
State Census	492.83	
	<hr/>	1,298.08

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## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages	
Chief	3,839.97
Patrolmen	23,540.91
Special Police	13,313.76
Clerical	6,934.95

Equipment Maintenance		
Autos	2,767.47	
Ambulance	200.94	
Radio	37.20	
Boat	21.76	
Equipment for Men	109.31	
Maintenance of Building		
Furnishings	11.75	
Miscellaneous Supplies	81.30	
Other Expenses		
Printing and Postage	78.15	
Telephone	553.37	
Travel	599.13	
Office	178.32	
All Other	105.54	
	<hr/>	52,373.83
Cancelled Check	494.80	
	<hr/>	52,868.63
New Police Cars		
Advertising	8.63	
New Cars	3,495.00	
Mobile Units	494.80	
	<hr/>	3,998.43

#### FIRE ALARM

Salary and Wages		
Superintendent	360.00	
Assistants	786.80	
Supplies	1,288.35	
Truck	155.00	
Repair	308.16	
All Other	3.75	
	<hr/>	2,902.06

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salary and Wages	
Permanent	29,611.39
Call Men	6,559.86
Still Alarms	802.50
Equipment	
Apparatus Repair	672.10
Apparatus Equipment	676.90
Hose	122.00
Equipment for Men	590.00
Equipment Supplies	182.08

Maintenance		
Garage Rent	1,772.00	
Gas and Oil	659.52	
Water	54.00	
Fuel	577.94	
Maintenance of Buildings		
Repairs	579.88	
Laundry	103.32	
Supplies	384.86	
Other Expense		
Telephone	388.45	
Office	78.50	
All Other	35.47	
	<hr/>	43,850.77

#### BUILDING INSPECTION

Salaries and Wages		
Inspector	750.00	
Clerk	400.00	
Supplies and Postage	75.50	
Permits	2,530.00	
Travel	2.50	
	<hr/>	3,758.00

#### SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary and Wages		
Sealer	499.98	
Helper	14.50	
Auto Hire	138.10	
Supplies	41.81	
Repairs	7.35	
	<hr/>	701.74

#### INSECT PEST EXTERMINATION

Labor	3,219.55	
Insecticides	551.00	
Spray Truck	226.47	
	<hr/>	3,997.02

## DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Salary and Wages		
Tree Warden	200.00	
Labor	2,402.85	
Hardware and Tools	12.50	
Truck	83.69	
Trees	450.00	
	<hr/>	3,149.04

## CIVIL DEFENSE

Clerical	2,077.00	
Travel	324.83	
Telephone	723.67	
Advertising	82.50	
Office	82.04	
Repairs	111.83	
Equipment and Furnishings	3,071.35	
First Aid	42.68	
Films, Booklets, etc.	87.38	
All other	58.01	
	<hr/>	6,661.29

## SHELLFISH INSPECTION

Salary Inspector	1,801.28	
Misc. Expense	10.25	
	<hr/>	1,811.53

## FOREST FIRES

Equipment	85.26
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## HYDRANT RENTAL

Fairhaven Water Co.	12,465.00
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## HEALTH AND SANITATION

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

General Administration	
Board Members	720.00
Printing and Postage	286.75
Telephone	31.45
Contagious Diseases	
Cards and Inspection	192.00
Medical Supplies	36.23

Tuberculosis Program		
County Hospital Maintenance	15,312.78	
Board and Care	600.00	
X-ray Program	1,312.71	
Premature Births	264.00	
Mental Health Clinic	500.00	
District Nurse	100.00	
Burying Animals	68.00	
Inspection		
Sanitary	806.88	
Animal	250.00	
Expenses	1.96	
Milk	250.00	
Slaughter	50.00	
All Other	10.00	
	<hr/>	20,792.76
Cancelled Check	300.00	
	<hr/>	21,092.76
Health Nursing		
Services		2,500.00
Dental Clinic		
Services	1,125.00	
Supplies	88.65	
	<hr/>	1,213.65
Diphtheria Immunization		
Services	100.00	
Clerical	20.00	
	<hr/>	120.00

#### SEWER AND WATER DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages	
Commissioners	750.00
Clerical	2,399.30
Labor	17,942.90
Stationery, Printing, Postage	59.04
Office Supplies	106.27
Equipment Repair	1,723.05
Tools and Supplies	7,726.00
Gas, Oil and Kerosene	818.09
Light	1,921.10
Water	5,206.18



Real Estate Maintenance	140.00	
Car Mileage	390.00	
Telephone	255.11	
Travel	33.10	
Emergency Expense	1,474.08	
All Other	155.73	
	<hr/>	41,099.95
Cancelled Check	27.00	
	<hr/>	41,126.95
Water Mains—Brae Road		
Contract	673.50	
Advertising	6.38	
Engineering	173.30	
Material	1,177.40	
	<hr/>	2,030.58
Sewer Extensions		
Pilgrim Ave.		
Material	143.43	
Labor	98.00	
Plans	131.07	
Equipment Hire	227.50	
	<hr/>	600.00
Haste Street		
Material	1,166.26	
Plans and Inspection	313.67	
Contract	2,449.00	
	<hr/>	3,928.93
Mosquito Control		
State Reclamation Board		3,250.00

#### RUBBISH COLLECTION

Labor	13,306.80	
Truck Repairs	754.99	
Gas and Oil	993.75	
Misc. Supplies	114.15	
Dump Maintenance	827.17	
	<hr/>	15,996.86

#### GARBAGE COLLECTION

Contract		3,800.00
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## HIGHWAYS

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages		
Superintendent	3,500.00	
Clerk	3,125.45	
Labor	30,654.03	
Office Expense	83.99	
Trucks—Maintenance, Repairs	1,927.29	
Streets and Roads	15,659.48	
Equipment Repairs	1,609.60	
Gas and Oil	1,343.44	
New Equipment	1,381.25	
Building Maintenance	45.90	
Light and Power	1,036.43	
Diesel Fuel	286.23	
Travel	286.50	
Telephone	233.42	
Water	13.63	
Sidewalks	1,883.18	
Snow—Removal and Equipment	1,437.01	
Drains	882.14	
Equipment Hire	757.71	
All Other	293.49	
	<hr/>	66,440.17

### RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

Labor	1,051.80	
Material	1,545.75	
	<hr/>	2,597.55

### NORTH STREET DRAINAGE

Labor	2,198.10	
Material	512.02	
Equipment Hire	927.08	
Other	7.75	
	<hr/>	3,644.95

### CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE

Labor	1,137.54	
Material	1,834.62	
	<hr/>	2,972.16

## CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION

Labor	236.60	
Material	1,066.56	
Contract	37,366.02	
Miscellaneous	36.54	
	<hr/>	38,705.22

### STREET LIGHTS

Lighting	12,836.17
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### ENGINEERING EXPENSE

Plans, Grades, etc.	3,090.85
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### GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALKS

Labor	2,063.75	
Material	1,691.30	
	<hr/>	3,755.05

### GELETTE ROAD ALTERATIONS

Labor	88.40
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### MORGAN STREET CURBING

Material	170.82
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### 1954 CURBING ACCOUNT

Labor	275.50	
Material	1,372.18	
	<hr/>	1,647.68

### SCONTICUT NECK ROAD CURBING

Labor	2,191.16	
Material	951.94	
Equipment Hire	283.50	
	<hr/>	3,426.60

### NEW BOSTON ROAD

Material	615.40
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### MILL ROAD

Material	472.47
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# WEEDEN ROAD EXTENSION

Material	39.59	
Equipment Hire	127.40	
	<hr/>	166.99

# SHAW ROAD

Labor	301.50	
Material	1,399.77	
	<hr/>	1,701.27

# MAIN STREET RESURFACING

Labor	264.90	
Material	5,730.06	
	<hr/>	5,994.96

# WEEDEN PLACE

Labor	99.20	
Material	409.69	
	<hr/>	508.89

# CHESTNUT STREET

Labor	570.30	
Material	317.27	
Equipment Hire	83.79	
	<hr/>	971.36

# EAST ALLEN STREET

Labor	695.85	
Material	1,085.71	
Equipment Hire	458.64	
	<hr/>	2,240.20

# EAST COGGESHALL STREET

Labor	2,451.15	
Material	4,617.85	
Equipment Hire	1,079.96	
	<hr/>	8,148.96

# MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Railroad Right of Way	5,000.00	
Highway Truck	1,651.78	
Coggeshall Street Bridge	29.28	
	<hr/>	6,681.06

## CHARITIES

### PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages		
Board	900.00	
Physician	1,125.00	
Outside Relief by Town		
Groceries and Provisions	817.95	
Fuel	503.67	
Board and Care of Children	2,086.63	
Medicine and Medical	2,148.67	
Hospitals	1,796.80	
Cash Grants	8,132.10	
Other Cities and Towns	9,267.18	
All Other	202.39	
	<hr/>	26,980.39

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		
Supervisor	3,305.69	
Social Workers	8,061.79	
Clerical	6,012.83	
General Expense		
Office	1,138.17	
Telephone	303.48	
Postage	468.40	
Travel	357.75	
Legal	1,178.56	
All Other	114.56	
	<hr/>	20,941.23

### INFIRMARY

Salaries and Wages		
Superintendent	899.60	
Other Employees	2,004.08	
General Expense		
Groceries and Provisions	1,707.46	
Dry Goods and Clothing	102.30	
Maintenance and Repairs	698.43	
Fuel and Light	1,389.47	
Telephone	91.79	
Medical	100.31	
Farm	492.50	
All Other	175.40	
	<hr/>	7,661.34

## INFIRMARY REPAIRS

Labor	22.40	
Repairs	806.18	
All Other	4.50	
	<hr/>	833.08

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Cash Grants	220,244.12	
Other Cities and Towns	4,589.56	
	<hr/>	224,833.68

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Cash Grants	36,088.14
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## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Cash Grants	22,101.60
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## VETERANS' BENEFITS

Office Expense, Travel, Etc.	710.08	
Cash Grants	35,479.31	
Fuel	157.83	
Medical	5,950.21	
Dental	292.00	
Hospital	4,309.86	
Groceries	555.00	
Other Cities and Towns	340.00	
	<hr/>	47,794.29

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## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

### ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Salary of Superintendent	5,940.00
Clerks in Supt. Office	3,989.31
Office	507.06
Travel	200.00
Other Expense	271.35
Teachers Salaries	
Elementary	220,271.63
High	107,428.01

Text Books		
Elementary	5,342.33	
High	3,105.06	
Supplies		
Elementary	4,734.23	
High	5,247.29	
Tuition		
Elementary	2,205.62	
High	111.25	
Transportation		
Elementary	16,581.27	
High	6,686.73	
Janitors Services		
Elementary	17,943.60	
High	14,336.27	
Fuel and Light		
Elementary	13,201.01	
High	6,255.23	
Physical Education		
Elementary	151.15	
High	881.06	
Health		
Elementary	2,723.11	
High	1,173.58	
Driver Education		
High	966.79	
Lunchroom		
Elementary	2,853.08	
High	1,337.00	
Supplies		
Elementary	659.49	
High	460.08	
Maintenance		
Elementary	10,362.82	
High	4,357.81	
Miscellaneous Operating Expense		
Elementary	4,043.03	
High	2,137.51	
Outlay		
Elementary	469.35	
High	685.00	
	<hr/>	467,618.11
Vocational School		
Tuition		7,968.92



School Lunch and Athletic		
Elementary	19,632.82	
High	30,809.90	
High Athletic	3,875.72	
	<hr/>	54,318.44
Elementary School Survey Committee		12.16
Elementary School Building Committee		
Plans	1,993.43	
Expense	196.17	
	<hr/>	2,189.60
Jr. High School Building Committee		216.94
Jr. High School Taking of Land		
1954 Account	600.00	
1955 Account	264.00	
	<hr/>	864.00
Miscellaneous Accounts		
Black Top Anthony School	1,000.00	
Stage Curtains High School	1,200.00	
New Truck	1,470.74	
Elementary High Special (1954)	865.00	
	<hr/>	4,535.74
Millicent Library		
Expenses		16,685.30

## RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

### PARK DEPARTMENT

Parks		
Labor	4,408.80	
Repairs	1,664.87	
Loam	482.84	
Trees	113.95	
Truck	141.23	
Light	24.85	
Water	9.00	
Office	4.00	
All Other	37.22	
Playgrounds		
Instructors	936.00	
Supplies and Equipment	942.29	
All Other	51.20	
	<hr/>	8,816.25

Cancelled Checks	14.47	
	<hr/>	8,830.72
Honor Roll		
Clerical	36.00	
All Other	1,186.94	
	<hr/>	1,222.94
Cancelled Checks	28.08	
	<hr/>	1,251.02
Livesey Park Tennis Court		
Advertising	13.79	
Plans	228.00	
	<hr/>	241.79
Retaining Wall, Oxford School		
Advertising	14.80	
Contract	1,645.00	
	<hr/>	1,659.80
West Island Town Beach		
Labor	126.10	
Maintenance and Repair	1,415.50	
Equipment	345.70	
	<hr/>	1,887.30
Park Department Special		
1954 Account		200.00
Hurricane Repairs		
Ocean View Drain	1,437.95	
West Island Bathhouses	900.00	
Mosquito Control	998.40	
Repairs Chapter 689	11,852.14	
Appropriation for Repairs	4,485.70	
	<hr/>	19,674.19
Unclassified		
Dog Care	400.00	
Small Claims	65.00	
Memorial Day	348.37	
Shellfish Propagation	10.00	
Annotated Laws	120.32	
Academy Building Repair	3.00	
Bicycle Registration	37.60	
Employees Public Liability	1,711.13	
Insurance on Town Buildings	3,967.24	
Workingmen's Compensation	6,001.24	
Fire Insurance on Equipment	98.21	
	<hr/>	12,762.11

## ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

### UNION WHARF

Salary of Wharfinger	350.00	
Lights	14.27	
Repairs and Maintenance	50.86	
	<hr/>	415.13
Woodside Cemetery		150.00
Maintenance		150.00

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## INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest		
Anticipation of Revenue	1,320.81	
School Loan	11,435.00	
Fire Loan	17.50	
Water Loan	2,885.00	
	<hr/>	15,658.31
Debt		
Revenue Loan	300,000.00	
School Loan	40,000.00	
Fire Loan	2,000.00	
Water Loan	11,800.00	
	<hr/>	353,800.00
Unpaid Bills Prior Years		4,780.40

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## AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

### AGENCY

County Tax	41,603.60
State Tax	2,742.50
Dog Licenses for County	3,236.75

### TRUST

Recoveries	540.00
Deposits	13,572.28
Withholding Taxes	64,518.79
Blue Cross	7,024.20
Contributory Retirement	29,617.59
Charity Funds	1,289.02

### INVESTMENT

Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	169,144.73

## REFUNDS

Taxes	23,321.90	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,254.18	
Water Deposits	986.13	
Sewer Deposits	1,310.10	
Sidewalk Deposits	213.99	
Tax Title Account	193.02	
E. & D. — Tax Title Interest	60.59	
Estimated Receipts — Licenses	16.00	
Tailings	.10	
	<hr/>	27,356.01
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		2,026,063.20
Cash Balance December 31, 1955		373,541.36
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		\$2,399,604.56

# ANALYSIS OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS — 1955

ACCOUNTS	Balance From 1954	Appropriation	Credits	Trust Funds and Grants	Payments	Balance to Revenue	Balance to 1956
Selectmen—Salary		2,100.00			2,100.00		
Office		5,200.00			4,916.55	283.45	
Treasurer—Salary		3,100.00			3,100.00		
Office		3,871.40			3,869.49	1.91	
Town Accountant		2,550.00			2,546.58	3.42	
Town Clerk—Salary		900.00			900.00		
Office		3,043.00			3,042.73	.27	
Tax Collector—Salary		3,640.00			3,640.00		
Office		5,400.00	500.00		5,780.16	119.84	
Tax Title Expense		1,150.00			1,147.23	2.77	
Assessors—Salary		7,363.44			7,363.44		
Office		2,694.00	350.00		3,020.25	23.75	
Election and Registration		6,938.00			6,214.07	723.93	
State Census	530.00				492.83		37.17
Town Meeting Expense		2,000.00			1,866.12	133.88	
Town Hall		14,350.00	10.00		13,819.37	.63	540.00
Town Hall Special (1954)	295.00				295.00		
Reproducing Machine		500.00			490.25		9.75
Salary of Moderator		100.00			100.00		
Legal Expense		2,000.00	707.25		2,707.25		
Board of Appeals		110.00	25.00		134.98	.02	

# ANALYSIS OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS — 1955 — Continued

ACCOUNTS	Balance From 1954	Appropriation	Credits	Trust Funds and Grants	Payments	Balance to Revenue	Balance to 1956
Planning Board		250.00			178.68	71.32	
Police Department		52,486.62			52,373.83	112.79	
Police Cars		4,100.00			3,998.43		101.57
Fire Department		43,878.06			43,850.77	27.29	
Fire Alarm		2,810.00	100.00		2,902.06	7.94	
Hydrant Rental		12,480.00			12,465.00	15.00	
Forest Fires		100.00			85.26	14.74	
Safety Council		25.00				25.00	
Dog Care		400.00			400.00		
Building Inspector Salary		750.00			750.00		
Building Department		2,700.00	325.00		3,008.00	17.00	
Tree Warden's Salary		200.00			200.00		
Dutch Elm Disease		3,500.00			2,949.04	.96	550.00
Insect Pest Control		4,000.00			3,997.02	2.98	
Weights and Measures		1,200.00			701.74	498.26	
Shellfish Inspection		1,900.00			1,811.53	88.47	
Civil Defense	918.20	6,056.80			6,661.29		313.71
Board of Health—Salaries		720.00			720.00		
Health Department		9,493.00			4,759.98	4,733.02	
Health Nursing		2,500.00			2,500.00		
Dental Clinic		1,200.00	13.65		1,213.65		

Diphtheria Immunization		120.00		120.00	
Mosquito Control		3,250.00		3,250.00	
Sewer and Water Commissioners Salary		750.00		750.00	
Sewer and Water Department		36,256.57	4,085.80	40,349.95	2.42
Water Co. Committee	500.00				500.00
Water Mains—Brae Road		2,085.00		2,085.58	54.42
Haste St. Sewer		4,000.00		3,928.93	71.07
Pilgrim Ave. Sewer		600.00		600.00	
Rubbish Collection		16,495.00		15,996.86	498.14
Garbage Collection		3,800.00		3,800.00	
Supt. Highways—Salary		3,500.00		3,500.00	
Highway Department		63,990.69	1,000.00	62,940.17	2,050.52
Street Lights		12,840.72		12,836.17	4.55
Reconstruction of Roads	8,703.75			2,597.55	6,106.20
Chapter 90—Maintenance		3,000.00		2,972.16	27.84
Chapter 90—Construction	19,444.21	40,000.00		39,102.82	20,341.39
Scouticut Neck Road Acceptance	2,300.00				2,300.00
Scouticut Neck Road Curbing	4,997.04			3,426.60	1,570.44
Morgan Street Curbing		4,500.00		170.82	4,329.18
Curbing Account 1954	4,321.25			1,647.68	2,673.57
Granolithic Sidewalks	3,563.46	5,000.00		3,755.05	4,808.41
New Boston Road	912.60			615.40	297.20
Mill Road	555.81			472.47	83.34
Reconstruction Main Street	8,336.62				8,336.62
Main Street Resurfacing	6,000.00			5,994.96	5.04
Railroad Right of Way	5,000.00			5,000.00	
Acceptance Park Street	6.00				6.00
Herring River Drain	192.52				192.52
Highway Truck		2,000.00		1,651.78	348.22



# ANALYSIS OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS — 1955 — Continued

ACCOUNTS	Balance From 1954	Appropriation	Credits	Trust Funds and Grants	Payments	Balance to Revenue	Balance to 1956
Widening of Center Street	126.64						126.64
Chestnut Street Extension		1,000.00			971.36		28.64
North Street Drainage	1,189.90	2,500.00			3,644.95		44.95
Coggeshall Street Bridge		29.89			29.28		.61
Gelette Road Alteration	363.46				88.40		275.06
Weeden Road Alteration	1,600.00				166.99		1,433.01
East Allen Street Reconstruction		2,250.00			2,240.20		9.80
East Coggeshall Street Reconstruction		8,634.00			8,148.96		485.04
Weeden Place Reconstruction		512.00			508.89		3.11
Shaw Road Reconstruction		2,000.00			1,701.27		298.73
Engineering Expense		2,500.00	700.00		3,090.85	109.15	
Board Public Welfare—Salaries		900.00			900.00		
Public Welfare		30,000.00	80.00		26,080.39	3,999.61	
Public Assistance Administration	1,929.06	10,940.00	13.50	9,190.97	20,941.23		1,132.30
Infirmary		7,500.00		161.34	7,661.34		
Infirmary Repairs	1,695.94	2,500.00			833.08		3,362.86
Aid to Dependent Children	1,739.00	25,000.00		16,508.09	36,088.14		7,259.50
Old Age Assistance	20,059.73	130,000.00	1,055.43	90,213.60	224,833.68		16,495.08
Disability Assistance		15,000.00	271.45	8,156.67	22,101.60		3,413.26
Veterans Benefits	2,086.74	55,000.00	487.50		47,794.29	7,693.21	
Veterans Burial	482.00						482.00

Elementary and High Schools	2,757.15	444,149.00	1,850.00	20,053.34	467,618.11	1,192.08
Vocational School		10,000.00			7,968.92	2,031.08
Elementary and High Special	865.00				865.00	
School Heating	1,493.00					1,493.00
Elementary School Survey Committee	2,997.89				12.16	2,985.73
Elementary School Building Committee						
Plans						
Expense						
Jr. High School Building Committee Art. 7		4,000.00			1,993.43	2,006.57
Jr. High School Land		200.00	1,000.00		196.17	1,003.83
Jr. High School Building Committee		500.00	1,010.00			1,010.00
Jr. High School Plans	1,969.37				264.00	236.00
Jr. High School Taking Land	13,000.00				226.94	1,742.43
High School Stage Curtains	5,640.00				1,000.00	12,000.00
School Truck		1,200.00			600.00	5,040.00
Anthony School Playground		2,200.00			1,200.00	
Retaining Wall Oxford School		1,000.00			1,470.74	729.26
Rogers School Plans		2,000.00			1,000.00	
Bates Land			10,000.00		1,659.80	340.20
Millicent Library		16,485.30	600.00			10,000.00
Park Department		8,822.30	200.00			600.00
Roll of Honor	708.25	667.25				
West Island Town Beach	560.13	2,500.00				152.56
Annotated Laws	130.00				1,887.30	1,172.83
Causeway Road Purchase		1.00			120.32	9.68
Park Department Special 1954	200.00					1.00
Livesey Park Tennis Court		3,500.00			200.00	
Small Claims	758.56				241.79	3,258.21
Academy Building Repairs	8.61				65.00	693.56
					3.00	5.61

# ANALYSIS OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS — 1955 — Continued

ACCOUNTS	Balance From 1954	Appropriation	Credits	Trust Funds and Grants	Payments	Balance to Revenue	Balance to 1956
Veterans Memorial	14,120.75				37.60	12.40	14,120.75
Bicycle Registration		50.00			348.37		51.63
Memorial Day		400.00			10.00		2,866.07
Propogation of Shellfish			550.00		6,001.24		
Workngmen's Compensation	2,326.07	6,001.24			1,711.13	788.87	
Employees Public Liability		2,500.00			3,967.24	267.76	
Insurance on Town Buildings		4,235.00			98.21	101.79	
Fire Insurance on Equipment		200.00			4,485.70		1,839.30
Hurricane Repairs		6,325.00			8,137.51	6,862.49	
Reserve Fund		15,000.00			65.13	444.87	
Union Wharf		510.00			350.00		
Salary Wharfinger							
Scouticut Neck Water Project	1,839.62		397.10				2,236.72
Woodside Cemetery		150.00			150.00		
Debt		53,800.00			53,800.00		
Accrued Interest		14,337.50			14,337.50		
Interest on Revenue Loans		1,000.00	320.81		1,320.81		
Unpaid Bills Prior Years		4,780.40			4,780.40		
Contributory Retirement		6,952.00			6,952.00		
Stabilization Fund		5,000.00			5,000.00		
	\$147,223.33	\$1,335,039.18	\$25,753.54	\$144,284.21	\$1,465,277.44	\$31,781.55	\$155,241.27

# Treasurer's Report

## CASH ACCOUNT — 1955

	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
January 1, 1955			\$261,981.52
January	\$70,090.70	\$108,422.39	223,649.83
February	64,280.92	121,589.41	166,341.34
March	53,320.15	170,672.05	48,989.44
April	162,893.83*	119,464.61	92,418.66
May	195,245.11*	136,142.13	151,521.64
June	68,430.79	128,652.81	91,015.91
July	154,427.06	166,059.08	79,667.60
August	176,129.98*	142,749.57	113,048.01
September	224,102.98	131,994.57	205,156.42
October	484,900.73	284,069.38	405,987.77
November	350,882.17	328,989.95	427,879.99
December	132,918.62	187,257.25	373,541.36
Total	\$2,137,623.04	\$2,026,063.20	\$373,541.36

\*Includes \$100,000. borrowed during month.

## SUMMARY

Balance, January 1, 1955	\$261,981.52
Receipts	2,137,623.04
Total: Balance and Receipts	2,399,604.56
Disbursements	2,026,063.20
Balance December 31, 1955	373,541.36

## CASH RECONCILIATION

December 31, 1955

National Bank of Fairhaven	\$369,271.79
Merchants National Bank of Boston	4,244.57
Petty Cash in Treasurer's Office	25.00
Cash Balance December 31, 1955	\$373,541.36

MICHAEL J. O'LEARY,  
Treasurer

# REPORT OF OUTSTANDING DEBT — DECEMBER 31, 1955

Debt Book Page	Purpose of Loan	Date of Issue	Interest Rate	Date of Maturity	1956		Outstanding 12-31-55
					Annual Payment	Interest Payment	
1	1941 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	1-1-41	2%	1971	\$2,000.00	\$620.00	\$32,000.00
4	1945 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	10-1-45	1½%	1968	2,000.00	210.00	14,000.00
6	1947 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	6-1-47	2½%	1977	800.00	430.00	17,600.00
9	1948 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	10-1-48	2½%	1963	2,000.00	350.00	14,000.00
12	1951 Fire Departmental Equip. Loan	6-1-51	1¾%	1956	2,000.00	17.50	2,000.00
13	1951 Water Mains Loan	7-1-51	2%	1965	5,000.00	1,000.00	50,000.00
15	1951 School Additions Loan	8-1-51	1.9%	1971	35,000.00	9,690.00	510,000.00
17	1952 School Additions Loan	4-1-52	1.6%	1968	5,000.00	1,000.00	65,000.00
					\$53,800.00	\$13,317.50	\$704,600.00

## SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING DEBT:

Sconticut Neck Water Loans .....	\$11,800.00
School Additions Loans .....	40,000.00
Fire Department Equipment Loan .....	2,000.00
	17.50
	\$127,600.00
	575,000.00
	2,000.00

Debt 5.02% of Valuation  
Tax Rate 6% of Valuation  
Per Capita debt — \$52.60

MICHAEL J. O'LEARY,  
Town Treasurer

# SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR DEBT AND ACCRUED INTEREST DUE IN 1956

Due:	Debt Book Page	Purpose of Loan	Interest	Principal
January 1	1	1941 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	\$320.00	\$2,000.00
January 1	13	1951 Water Main Loan	500.00	
February 1	15	1951 School Additions Loan	4,845.00	
April 1	4	1945 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	105.00	
April 1	17	1952 School Additions Loan	520.00	5,000.00
April 1	9	1948 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	175.00	
June 1	6	1947 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	220.00	800.00
June 1	12	1951 Fire Departmental Equipment Loan	17.50	2,000.00
July 1	1	1941 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	300.00	
July 1	13	1951 Water Mains Loan	500.00	5,000.00
August 1	15	1951 School Additions Loan	4,845.00	35,000.00
October 1	4	1945 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	105.00	2,000.00
October 1	17	1952 School Additions Loan	480.00	
October 1	9	1948 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	175.00	2,000.00
December 1	6	1947 Sconticut Neck Water Loan	210.00	
			\$13,317.50	\$53,800.00

# Trust Funds

1955

## HENRY H. ROGERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUND

	Principal	Interest
Fairhaven Institution for Savings	\$10,953.00	\$410.74
Fairhaven Institution for Savings	1,226.51	45.98
The Citizens Savings Bank of Fall River	5,000.00	150.00
N. B. Five Cents Savings Bank	10,000.00	300.00
The Wareham Savings Bank	4,148.96	124.44
Bass River Savings Bank	4,000.00	120.00
Bristol County Savings Bank	1,867.14	51.34
Nantucket Institution for Savings	2,477.65	74.32
Middleboro Savings Bank	2,000.00	50.00

### Securities in National Bank of Fairhaven:

National Shawmut Bank of Boston	15,231.25	1,000.00
First National Bank of Boston (109 shares)	5,101.50	294.30
N. B. Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	70.00
Acushnet Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	70.00
Mt. Washington Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Mt. Washington Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Workingmen's Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Workingmen's Co-operative Bank	2,000.00	60.00
Boston & Albany R. R. Co.	8,000.00	850.00
U. S. Defense Bond Series G	30,500.00	841.25

	\$112,506.01	\$4,692.37
Transferred to Schools		4,692.37

Balance on hand January 1, 1956 \$112,506.01

## EDMUND ANTHONY JR. SCHOOL FUND

U. S. Defense Bond Series G	\$10,000.00	\$250.00
Transferred to Schools		250.00

Balance on hand January 1, 1956 \$10,000.00



### ABNER PEASE SCHOOL FUND

N. B. Institution for Savings	\$5,000.00	\$137.50
N. B. Five Cents Savings Bank	2,558.12	76.74
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	\$7,558.12	\$214.24
Transferred to Schools		214.24
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Balance on hand January 1, 1956	\$7,558.12	

### HENRY H. ROGERS HIGH SCHOOL FUND

City Bank & Farmers Trust Co.	\$502,579.33	\$14,896.93
Transferred to Schools		14.896.93
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Balance on hand Last Audit, June 11, 1955	\$502,579.33	

### JAMES RICKETTS TRUST FUND

N. B. Institution for Savings	\$1,430.66	\$39.32
Transferred to Riverside Cemetery and Infirmary		39.32
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Balance on hand January 1, 1956	\$1,430.66	

### JULIA A. STODDARD TRUST FUND

Fairhaven Institution for Savings	\$518.54	\$19.43
First National Bank of Boston (220 shares)	9,228.17	594.00
U. S. Defense Bonds Series G	12,500.00	312.50
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	\$22,246.71	\$925.93
Paid to Recipients		925.93
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Balance on hand January 1, 1956	\$22,246.71	

### HANNAH CHADWICK TRUST FUND

Fairhaven Institution for Savings	\$500.00	\$18.75
Transferred to Estimated Receipts		18.75
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Balance on hand January 1, 1956	\$500.00	

### POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND

Fairhaven Institution for Savings	\$57,458.77	\$2,174.80
Added to Principal (Interest)	2,174.80	
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Balance on hand January 1, 1956	\$59,633.57	

### ANDRUS SPRUIT FUND

U. S. Government Bond Series G	\$10,000.00	\$250.00
Transferred		250.00
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Balance on hand, January 1, 1956	\$10,000.00	

### TROWBRIDGE FUND

Fairhaven Institution for Savings	\$6,240.77	\$234.00
Transferred to High School Scholarships		234.00
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Balance on hand January 1, 1955	\$6,240.77	

### STABILIZATION FUND

Fairhaven Institution for Savings	\$10,271.16	\$488.74
Added to Principal:		
1955 Appropriation	5,000.00	
Interest for 1955	488.74	
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Balance on hand January 1, 1956	\$15,759.90	

MICHAEL J. O'LEARY,

Town Treasurer.

# Commissioners of Trust Funds

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February 1, 1956

No changes were made in the Trust Fund Investments during the year.

CHARLES RADCLIFFE,

BRADFORD W. LUTHER,

ORRIN B. CARPENTER,

Trust Fund Commissioners

## Tax Collector

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The principal duty of the Collector's Office is to collect taxes. This involves writing and mailing tax bills which are committed to the Collector by the Assessors' Office, and a follow-up of delinquents.

The Taxes consist of Polls for all males between the ages of 20 and 65 years of age; Personal Property, which are taxes on furniture, equipment, live stock, boats, etc.; Real Estate, which is, of course, the tax on land and buildings; and the Motor Vehicle Excise, which is a State levy on Motor Vehicles.

The Tax Office also collects Town Accounts, which are Accounts Receivable of the School Department, Old Age Assistance, Public Welfare, Health. Wharf, and especially all Water Bills in connection with the Sconticut Neck Water Project. All the above necessitate reports, records, etc.

Accounts are balanced weekly and cash turned over to the Treasurer's Office. State Auditors examine the books regularly.

The Tax Collector and Clerk are full time employees. Of recent years a part time clerk has been necessary to care for increased clerical work. A Deputy Collector, who follows up delinquent accounts, is appointed and serves yearly.

The office is open five and a half days a week all the year round.

Our aim is to be courteous and obliging to all and to maintain accuracy and honesty in the performance of our duty.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. McDERMOTT

## TAX COLLECTOR

Year Ending December 31, 1955

### 1955 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Committed	\$792,952.80
Refunded	1,952.60
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	\$794,905.40
Collected	\$714,058.46
Abated	22,312.80
Added to Tax Title	57.60
Balance due	58,476.54
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	\$794,905.40

### 1954 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Balance January 1, 1955	\$66,118.15
Refunds	21,359.70
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	\$87,477.85
Collected	\$45,787.46
Abated	23,860.30
Added to Tax Title	227.40
Balance due	17,602.69
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	\$87,477.85

### 1953 REAL ESTATE TAXES

Balance January 1, 1955	\$12,546.35
Collected	\$12,135.28
Abated	10.60
Tax Taking	400.47
Balance due	.00
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	\$12,546.35

### 1955 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Committed	\$71,515.80
Refunded	9.60
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	\$71,525.40

Collected	\$70,206.60
Abated	58.80
Balance due	1,260.00
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	\$71,525.40

#### 1954 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Balance January 1, 1955	\$2,799.43
Collected	\$2,435.20
Abated	364.23
Balance due	.00
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	\$2,799.43

#### 1953 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Balance January 1, 1955	\$518.36
Collected	\$423.49
Abated	94.87
Balance due	.00
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	\$518.36

#### 1955 POLL TAXES

Committed	\$8,414.00
Collected	\$6,764.00
Abated	1,630.00
Balance due	20.00
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	\$8,414.00

#### 1954 POLL TAXES

Balance January 1, 1955	\$76.00
Collected	56.00
Abated	20.00
Balance due	.00
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	\$76.00

### 1953 POLL TAXES

Balance January 1, 1955	\$28.00
Collected	\$24.00
Abated	4.00
Balance due	.00
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	\$28.00

### 1955 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES

Committed	\$109,187.79
Refunded	875.33
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	\$110,063.12
Collected	\$86,824.71
Abated	6,858.20
Balance due	16,380.21
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	\$110,063.12

### 1954 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES

Balance January 1, 1955	\$31,165.38
Additional Committments	2,638.28
Refunds	376.96
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	\$34,180.62
Collected	\$30,432.14
Abated	3,714.77
Balance due	33.71
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	\$34,180.62

### 1953 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISES

Balance January 1, 1955	\$7.71
Collected	\$7.71
Balance due	.00



1955 VESSEL EXCISES

Committed	\$842.86
Collected	\$812.86
Abated	30.00
Balance due	.00
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	\$842.86

1955 APPORTIONED SEWER AND INTEREST

Committed	
(Sewer)	\$138.83
(Interest)	46.54
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	\$185.37
Collected	\$185.37
Balance due	.00

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. McDERMOTT

Tax Collector  
for the Town of Fairhaven

# Assessors' Report

## 1955 RECAPITULATION

Town appropriations voted since the 1954 tax rate was fixed.

Total appropriations to be raised by taxation \$1,303,039.18

Total appropriations to be taken from available funds

(a) In 1955 — \$48,990.50; (b) in 1954 since 1954 tax rate was fixed—\$1,750.00 \$1,353,779.68

Hurricane emergency 24,069.79

Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of prior years — (a) 1952—\$2,215.23

(b) 1953—\$482.33 \$2,697.56

State tax and assessments

State Parks and reservations \$2,211.56

State Audit of Municipal accounts 499.00

State Examination of Retirement Fund 298.10

Total \$3,008.66 \$3,008.66

County tax and assessments 34,025.00

Tuberculosis Hospital Assessments 21,057.47 \$1,478.62

\$55,082.49 \$1,478.62 \$56,561.11

Overlay of current year 20,120.82

\$1,460,237.62

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax \$117,593.59

Corporation Taxes 53,532.98

Old Age Tax 5,544.51

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 70,773.77

Licenses 10,064.92

Fines 1,065.00

General Government	3,204.71
Protection of Persons and Property	1,165.86
Health and Sanitation	9,205.64
Highways	3,950.93
Charities (other than Federal Grants)	20,745.93
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants)	117,233.07
Veterans Services	13,219.87
Schools (Funds from income tax not to be included)	34,591.64
Public Service Enterprises	18,747.26
Interest	2,055.00
State Assistance for School Construction	15,790.28
Vessel Excise	1,313.92
Hurricane Reimbursement	21,662.81
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	\$521,461.01

OVERESTIMATES OF PREVIOUS YEARS TO BE USED  
AS AVAILABLE FUNDS

County Tax	\$165.63
State Parks	9.85

Amounts voted to be taken from available Funds

Amount	Date of Vote	Source of Funds
\$1,750.00	July 15th, 1954	Benoit Square
\$15,000.00	March 12th, 1955	E. and D. account
\$1,850.50	March 12th, 1955	Dog Fund
\$30,000.00	March 12th, 1955	E. and D. account
\$2,000.00	March 12th, 1955	E. and D. account
\$6,000.00	May 26th, 1955	E. and D. Account
\$1,000.00	March 12th, 1955	Junior High School Plan
\$10.00	March 12th, 1955	Junior High School Plan, Commit. Exp.
\$8,000.00	May 26th, 1955	E. and D. Jr. High School Bldg Fund
\$130.00	May 26th, 1955	Audit Laws
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\$65,740.50		\$65,740.50
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Total Available Funds		\$65,915.98
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		\$587,377.02
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Net Amount to be raised on Polls and Property		\$872,860.60

Number of Polls — 4196 — at \$2.00 each — Poll Tax	\$8,392.00
Personal Property      \$1,191,930.00      Personal tax	\$71,515.80
Real Estate              13,215,880.00      Real Estate tax	792,952.50

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	\$14,407,810.00	\$872,860.60
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Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property \$872,860.60

Items not entering into the determination of the Tax Rate.

	Amount	Committed Interest	Total
Sewers	\$138.83	\$46.54	\$185.37
Vessel Excise			846.86
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			\$1,032.23    \$1,032.23

Total of all taxes committed to Collector in 1955  
on Polls, Property and Assessments \$873,892.83

**Table of Aggregates of Polls, Property and Taxes  
As Assessed January 1st, 1955  
Not Including Excise Tax or Exempted property**

Number of persons assessed	Individuals	All Others	Total
On Personal Estate only	520	50	570
On Real Estate only	5850	50	5900
On both Personal and Real Estate	800	20	820
(not the sum of Items 1 and 2)			

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ASSESSED 6470

NUMBER OF POLLS ASSESSED 4196

VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE

All other Tangible Personal	\$1,035,250.00
Stock in Trade	75,670.00
Machinery	30,210.00
Live Stock	50,490.00
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Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate	\$1,191,930.00

VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

Land, exclusive of buildings	\$2,787,710.00
Building exclusive of land	10,426,070.00
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Total Value of Assessed Real Estate	13,215,880.00

Total Valuation of Assessed Estate \$14,407,801.00

Tax Rate per \$1000.00 — \$60.00.

TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY AND TOWN  
PURPOSES, INCLUDING OVERLAY

On Personal Estate	\$71,515.80
On Real Estate	782,952.80
On Polls	8,392.00

Total Taxes Assessed	\$872,860.60
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NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ESTIMATED  
UNDER SECTION 36, CHAPTER 59

Horses (1 year or over)	20
Cows (Milch)	764
Bulls, 8 — Yearlings: steers 51	59
Swine	10
Sheep	5
Fowl	8790
All Other (Turkeys)	15

NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND ASSESSED	7497
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NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES ASSESSED	5225
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It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the Table of Aggregates as it appears in the Valuation List, according to our best knowledge and Belief.

SUBSCRIBED THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1955 UNDER THE  
PENALTIES OF PERJURY.

**1955 RECAPITULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE**

Commitment	Date of Commitment	Number	Value	Excise
1st	Feb. 28th, 1955	627	\$273,970.00	\$12,717.05
2nd	Nov. 14th, 1955	4277	1,704,900.00	81,909.48
3rd	Nov. 15th, 1955	592	275,940.00	9,261.26
		5496	\$2,254,810.00	\$103,887.79

**REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Valuation		Tax Abatements		
Jan. 1953	\$14,377,080.00	On 1953 Levy	Tax Rate	\$53.00
Supplemental	None	In 1953		\$17,353.77
		In 1954		201.40
		In 1955		98.87
Jan. 1954	\$14,621,930.00	On 1954 Levy	Tax Rate	\$60.00
Supplemental	1,760.00	In 1954		\$22,220.40
		In 1955		23,959.57)
	\$14,623,690.00			120.00)
Jan. 1955	\$14,407,810.00	On 1955 Levy	Tax Rate	\$60.00
Supplemental	None	In 1955		\$23,283.20

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

		Abatements	
1953 Tax Rate	\$50.42	On 1953 Levy	
Valuation	\$1,577,010.00	In 1953	\$3,730.99
Levy	72,728.00	In 1954	249.34
1954 Tax Rate	\$51.86	On 1954 Levy	
Valuation	\$2,127,160.00	In 1954	\$8,455.33
Levy	91,625.66	In 1955	3,807.80
1955 Tax Rate	\$53.58	On 1955 Levy	
Valuation	\$2,254,810.00	In 1955	\$7,451.93
Levy	103,887.79		
		5496	\$2,254,810.00
			\$103,887.79

## VESSEL EXCISE

Levy		Abatements	
1953 Levy	\$1,692.01	Abatements in 1953	\$63.04
		Abatements in 1954	None
		Abatements in 1955	None
1954 Levy	1,313.92	Abatements in 1954	None
		Abatements in 1955	None
1955 Levy	842.06	Abatements in 1955	\$30.00
General Tax Rate set at \$60.00 less School Tax Rate \$20.56 = \$39.44			

This is to certify that the above statements as reported are correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CHRISTOPHER J. BIRTWISTLE

SUSAN B. VINCENS,

Board of Assessors

## Board of Registrars of Voters

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Tabulations of information gathered in our annual canvas which is this year an official State Canvas, shows that there were 9,104 persons, male and female, 20 years of age or over residing in the town January 1, 1955, and 4291 under 20 years of age. Broken down by Precincts, the count is as follows:

### PERSONS 20 YEARS AND OVER

Precincts	1	2	3	4	5	Totals
Males	670	783	955	816	S.N. 632 E.F. 480	4336
Females	879	863	1004	868	S.N. 676 E.F. 478	4768
	<hr/> 1549	<hr/> 1646	<hr/> 1959	<hr/> 1684	<hr/> 2266	<hr/> 9104

### PERSONS UNDER 20 YEARS OF AGE

582	623	1093	821	S.N. 637 S.F. 535	4291
<hr/> 2131	<hr/> 2269	<hr/> 3052	<hr/> 2505	<hr/> 3438	<hr/> 13395

The Voting List at the time of the Town Election, February 7, 1955 contained the names of 7,267 persons which broken down by Precincts and Party Enrollment was as follows:

Precincts	Republicans	Democrats	Unenrolled	Totals
1	721	121	466	1308
2	678	171	521	1370
3	276	459	732	1467
4	459	236	638	1333
5 Scon. Nk.	282	275	538	1095
E. Fairhaven	178	153	363	694
Totals	<hr/> 2594	<hr/> 1415	<hr/> 3258	<hr/> 7267



Veterans of the Spanish American, World War I, World War II, and the Korean War were reported as follows:

Spanish American, 1; World War I, 215; World War II, 1192 and the Korean, 141.

Board of Registrars of Voters,  
DOROTHY S. KEARNS,  
Chairman

NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN FAIRHAVEN BY PRECINCTS

Precinct 1	638
Precinct 2	725
Precinct 3	841
Precinct 4	735
Precinct 5 Sconticut Neck	624
Precinct 5 East Fairhaven	398
Total	3961

Number of Dogs reported in Fairhaven 1348

This is the first year that the census of dogs was done by the Board of Registrars.

After the Voting List was revised, it being done earlier than usual on account of the Junior High School Referendum which incidently was the first referendum ever held in Fairhaven, and the deceased removed with those that had moved from town, the results were as follows:

Precincts	Republicans	Democrats	Unenrolled	Totals
1	665	108	441	1214
2	627	155	500	1282
3	250	428	721	1399
4	420	225	577	1222
5 Sconticut Neck	245	265	457	967
East Fairhaven	168	147	383	698
	2375	1328	3079	6782

At this writing there are 7049 registered voters qualified to vote in the Town Election of February 6, 1956. How many will avail themselves of the privilege? If any

of them were denied this right they would shriek to high heaven.

Let us take a look at our 1955 Election and Referendum:

On February 7, 1955 at the Annual Town Election, 3219 of the 7267 registered voters cast their ballots — only 44%.

On June 23, 1955, after a spirited campaign to get out the vote for the Referendum on the Junior High School question, 3798 of the 6782 registered voters appeared at the polls — only 56%.

In other words of the entire list of registered voters in Town, 35% voted in favor of a Junior High School; 21% voted against; but 44% DID NOT VOTE AT ALL. Because these 44% stayed at home, one-fifth of the voters in town defeated or delayed the Junior High School project.

The same picture will be true in the Primaries of 1956: less than 25% of you will vote in the Presidential primaries on April 24th, and about the same number will vote in the State primaries of September 18, 1956. If you do not vote in these two primaries do not complain that your duly elected officials, town, state, and nation "are making a mess of things." If true, it's YOUR fault!

Following the old rule of democratic society that responsibility goes with power, it is clear that you have some responsibility. You have obligations as a member of the self-governing Town of Fairhaven. You are obliged to think, to discriminate, to make decisions, and you are obliged to speak up and express both approval and disapproval. You are responsible for the integrity with which public offices are entered and conducted. Let's assume this duty.

Board of Registrars of Voters,

DOROTHY S. KEARNS,  
Chairman

MICHAEL J. O'LEARY,  
Clerk

JAMES F. MURRAY

GEORGE A. SELLEY

## Public Assistance

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Your Board of Public Welfare, in administering the laws governing Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance and General Relief, the first three categories under the supervision of the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare, rendered assistance to cases as indicated by the following composite of case loads for the year.

1955	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
OAA	248	241	242	243	247	246	246	246	243	240	238	238
ADC	27	27	26	24	26	27	26	26	26	26	27	26
DA	24	22	23	22	21	21	20	19	17	18	20	20
GR	27	28	29	27	27	25	24	22	20	23	23	22

These programs of assistance represent the total expenditures of \$309,203.81 distributed to residents of this town for their use in living on a minimum standard of subsistence:

OAA	ADC	DA	Gr
\$224,933.68	\$36,088.14	\$22,101.60	\$26,080.39

Old Age Assistance grants averaged \$77.82 per person per month of which 27.6% was for medical care, including hospital and nursing home.

Aid to Dependent Children grants averaged \$109.60 per family per month of which 10.5% was for medical care.

Disability Assistance case load decreased from the previous year but the expenditures increased. The average grant was \$88.37 per person per month with 38.4% spent for medical care.

General Relief case load decreased, as applicants for public relief are usually eligible for other categories of assistance, including Veterans' Benefits.

We have endeavored to carry out regulations of the State Department's Medical Care Plan, which was designed to control expenditures of public funds, in an efficient manner.

This past year the town recovered the sum of \$6,625.12 on liens which were placed upon property of Old Age Assistance recipients. The portion due the Federal Government and Commonwealth was paid and the balance credited to the town. Reimbursements for aid from Federal, State and other Municipalities totalling \$125,799.90 was credited to the General Fund for the reduction of the tax levy.

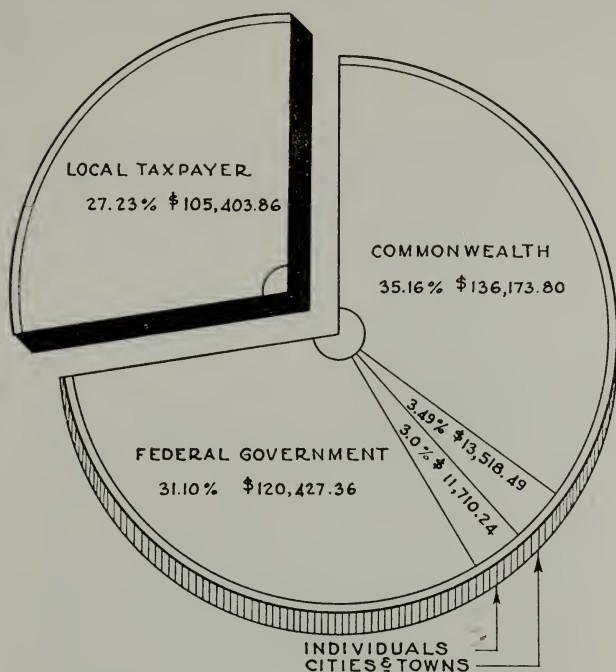
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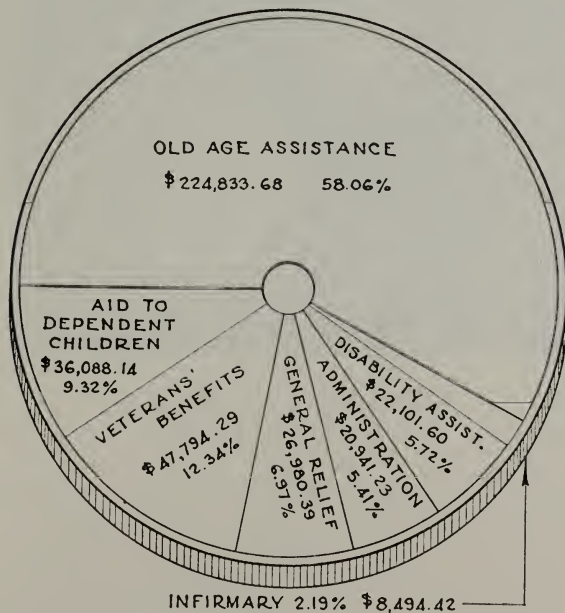
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Board of Public Welfare

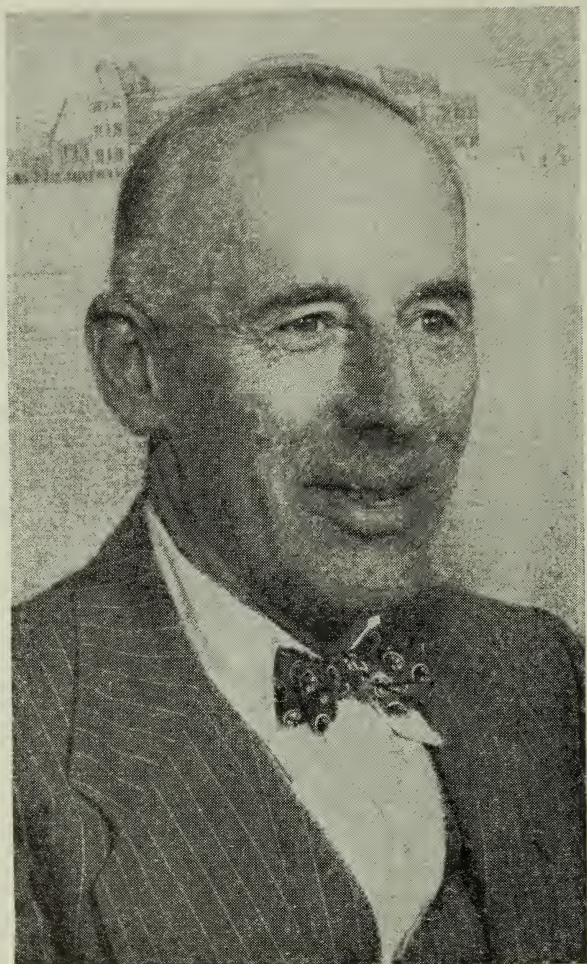
# SOURCE OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DOLLAR 1955



## EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE 1955







WILLIAM TALLMAN

## **A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM TALLMAN**

The retirement of William Tallman brings to a close a service given to this town comprising 31 years.

Mr. Tallman was elected in 1924 to serve on the original Planning Board, along with Daniel C. Potter (Miss Mabel Potter's father), Lewis F. Poor, James A. Stetson, Victor O. B. Slater, Warren L. Swett, Samuel Dudgeon and Norman Paull. It is interesting to note that Mr. Tallman is a Past President of the Fairhaven Improvement Association, the organization that sponsored the article in the Town Warrant, which was passed by the Town Meeting, to establish a Town Planning Board.

It was indeed fortunate for the Board to have had a member who has served as Selectman and on the Board of Appeals. His wise counsel and many valuable hours of untiring effort given without pay, have helped to make this Town a better place in which to live.



# The Planning Board

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In order that the townspeople may better be informed, it is the desire of the Board that we give you some extracts from our by-laws.

We are a board of eight members, serving an elected term of four years each.

"The duties of such board shall be such as are stated in chapter forty-one, sections seventy to seventy-two, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and further to consider and advise upon municipal improvements either at the request of other officials of the town or upon its own initiative. The board shall meet at regular intervals. It may also hold public meetings. It shall at all times have access to all public documents or information in the possession of any town official or department. It shall examine the plans for the exterior of any public building, monument or similar feature, and for the development and treatment of the grounds about the same before the adoption thereof, and may make such recommendations thereon as it may deem needful. It may make investigations and studies relative to new street and park developments.

"All plans for laying out, extending, discontinuing or changing the limits of any way, street, public park or square, and every purchase of land for the site of any public building, and all plans for the location, erection or alteration of public buildings, shall be submitted to said board for its opinion at least two weeks in advance of action by the board of Selectmen."

## EXTRACTS FROM THE ZONING BY-LAWS

"To promote the health, safety, morals, convenience and general welfare of its inhabitants, to lessen the danger from fire, congestion and confusion, and to improve and beautify the Town of Fairhaven: also, the use, area, construction, repair and alteration of buildings and structures and the use of premises in said Town are hereby restricted and regulated."

The method in which a petitioner applies to the Board for a change of zone is:

1. That a plan shall be drawn to scale showing area to be zoned, the size of which shall not exceed one square foot. Six copies shall be filed, accompanied by a fee

of ten dollars. The fee shall be made out in the name of the Town of Fairhaven.

2. Names and addresses of all abutters within two hundred feet of said zone, names of which may be acquired from the Board of Assessors, must be filed with the petition.

3. A public hearing will be called by the Planning Board prior to any annual or special Town Meeting, a notice of which will be sent to every abutter recorded.

4. The petitioner must appear at the public hearing and state his reasons for requesting change of zone.

5. It is not required by law to give the uses of the property which the petitioner is requesting be re-zoned.

6. Following the public hearing an article will be inserted in the Town warrant at the next annual or special Town Meeting, giving full details of area and location of petitioner's zone request.

7. A recommendation of the Planning Board shall be made at the Town Meeting.

8. In the event that the Town Meeting does not see fit to recommend the change of zone, the petitioner can re-petition the Planning Board for another public hearing, which will be granted; and, in the event that the Planning Board does not recommend the change of zone at this second hearing, it cannot, under the Statute of Limitations, go before the Town Meeting.

This is a so-called Two-Year Zoning Law which stops all zone changes that have been refused at Town Meetings within a twenty-four month period. Should the Planning Board not recommend on the second hearing, the petitioner shall wait two years before he can re-apply for the same change of zone.

KENNETH R. VINING  
Chairman

JAMES PARKINSON  
Vice Chairman

ALFRED RAPHAEL  
Secretary

CHARLES DUGDALE,

ARSENE DUVAL

HERBERT CANDAGE

NOEL COUTURE

## Fire Department

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The Board organized in May with A. W. Monk as Chairman and clerk. The following were reappointed: Frank Rogers as Chief; Augustus Xavier as Deputy Chief; A. W. Monk as 1st Asst. Chief; Harold Macomber as 2nd Asst. Chief; and Drillmaster; and Lindsey Gifford as 3rd Asst. Chief. All other personnel then serving were reappointed.

During the year the Department responded to 260 still alarms and 30 bell alarms, a total of 290 calls, five of which required the use of the resuscitator. This is an increase of 39 calls over the previous year when there were 205 still alarms and 46 bell alarms, a total of 251 calls. As stated in last year's report, there is an increase in calls each year, especially still alarms. These still alarms are usually carried on by just a few men and those affected, and in most cases very few of the townspeople are even aware of it, yet this service has many times checked slight menaces that could easily have developed into something more serious with even a large loss of property and perhaps of life. Altho this year's expenditure for still alarms is higher than previous years we believe the money has been well spent and a large amount of property has been saved by prompt action of those who called for assistance and by the efficient efforts of those answering the call.

At the present time there are 72 men in the Department which includes the Board of Fire Engineers, permanent men, callmen and substitute callmen. Seven permanent men, all qualified under Civil Service, are stationed at Headquarters and work a 72 hour week which provides 3 men on duty at all times. These men are requesting a 56 hour week which will require 2 additional men to maintain the same three men on duty at all times. This will require an additional \$7,141.00 for a full year. The callmen and substitute members are distributed over 6 companies, 4 at Headquarters; one at North Fairhaven and one at East Fairhaven.

The following apparatus is in service;

Ladder No. 1—1952 Maxim 75 ft. Aerial Ladder Truck with radio.

Engine No. 1—1951 Ward-LaFrance 750 gal. triple comb. Pump and radio.

Engine No. 2—1940 Chevrolet Chassis with a 600 gal. pump.

Engine No. 3—1937 Maxim 600 gal. pump and radio

Engine No. 4—1932 American-LaFrance 500 gal. pump and radio.

Engine No. 5—1937 Ford Chassis with 250 gal. Barton pump.

1953 Ford Tudor Sedan for Chief with radio

All of this equipment is in service and in good condition with the exception of Engine No. 2 and we are requesting an appropriation of \$17,500.00 to replace it with a 750 gal. triple combination pump. In 1953, 1954 and 1955, \$5,000.00 was appropriated and placed in a stabilization fund and it is with this money that we recommend that this piece of apparatus be purchased. Four pieces of apparatus and the Chief's car are equipped with radio and we are requesting that money be appropriated to equip another piece. We are also requesting that \$1,000.00 be appropriated to purchase new hose.

The buildings under supervision of the Fire Dept. are in good condition. Some work was done during the year on Station No. 3 in North Fairhaven to improve the outside appearance on the north side. Unexpected work was necessary when it was discovered that the sills were in very bad condition. During the next year we expect to paint the trimmings on Station No. 3 and Station No. 5 and also do some necessary repairs to Station No. 2 on Oxford Street.

Money appropriated at the last town meeting to supply equipment to substitute members of the Department, who receive no pay, was spent to the satisfaction of all concerned. Proper equipment is very necessary for all members of the fire-fighting force.

The Board wishes to commend the personnel of the Fire Department for their untiring efforts to maintain the efficiency that now prevails. The finest apparatus and equipment becomes useless unless trained men are available to use it. A call department must necessarily derive its membership from all walks of life, nor can appointments to such a department be restricted to men employed in the Town, or to men always accessible upon call. It is not always possible for such men to leave their occupation or business upon which they depend for a living, at the

instant call, while others may be prohibited by employers to respond to any call during working hours. A study of the records of the various companies, as well as the whole department, will clearly show that, to maintain a percentage attendance of seventy, the Town is fortunate to have men willing to do this type of work and at the same time supply their own equipment and transportation to and from fires.

Your Fire Department is something more than ladder trucks, pumpers and other equipment. It is the men with the willingness to serve you at all times that makes it the efficient department that it is. It is the aim of the Board of Fire Engineers to provide the most adequate equipment possible thru the means placed at their disposal in order that efficiency of the Department may continue to be of the highest. We have recommended for several years a new fire station and it is still needed now more than ever and will continue to be a needed project. Valuable equipment is housed in a building that is entirely unsuitable for it. We cordially invite every taxpayer to visit any station and see the present facilities of the Fire Department. A whole hearted and earnest support thereof should be the aim of every taxpayer and voter in the Town.

The Board of Fire Engineers also expresses its appreciation of the cooperation of the Fairhaven Protecting Society during the year. Their assistance in many activities pertaining to the Fire Department was of great value.

We also express our appreciation of the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen and also to all Department personnel, all other departments and to each and everyone, who have through service and advice aided to make the Department what it is.

FRANK ROGERS

AUGUSTUS XAVIER

AUDELL W. MONK

HAROLD S. MACOMBER

LINDSEY S. GIFFORD

Board of Fire Engineers



## Superintendent of Fire Alarm

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During the year the Fire Alarm Department installed one new box at Coggeshall and Hopkins Streets, which was requested at the Town Meeting by North Fairhaven citizens. This box is numbered 622. I also replaced five new boxes in place of the old style boxes.

The Telephone Company and New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Company did considerable changing over to new poles which necessitates quite a lot of work for our Department.

This year I am asking to replace seven old boxes with the new three-fold type boxes, of which there are only fourteen left. Next year I shall ask for the remainder of the new type. This will bring the Fire Alarm up to the latest new three-fold type system.

This year I am also asking for a new Pressure Regulator which controls the Air whistle at headquarters. This air whistle was installed about twenty-five years ago, and it has carried from 150 to 300 pounds of air on each blow of the whistle. This pressure has to be cut down, so this will mean the installing of the regulator.

In closing I would like to commend the men who worked with me for their faithful service.

FRANK ROGERS,

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

## Board of Health

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The Board has held meetings throughout the year and all complaints and nuisances have been attended to promptly.

In the Board of Health Clinic 561 children were inoculated against Diphtheria, 403 children inoculated in the Polio Clinic and 45 children vaccinated against Smallpox. Two new cases of Tuberculosis were admitted and all contacts were X-rayed and were given periodic check-ups. The Community Nurse made a total of 78 visits to tubercular patients and contacts and 120 visits to persons with communicable diseases.

During the year 1955, one patient was maintained at Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital.

We again stress the fact that all Fairhaven residents may obtain free chest X-ray at the Tuberculosis Clinic in New Bedford.

### PREMATURE INFANTS

The program for the care of premature infants, which was instituted by the Massachusetts State Board of Health in 1949, has been followed in Fairhaven. Copies of these regulations may be obtained at the Board of Health office in the Town Hall.

### DENTAL CLINIC

The Board of Health Dental Clinic is held at the Tripp School every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Dr. Normand Gamache is the School Dentist, as Dr. Edward Mee is still on military leave. Mrs. Catherine Govoni is the assistant. Pupils from each school go once every five weeks for examination. An average of ten or twelve children are treated each morning. The charges are extremely low, ranging from twenty to thirty-five cents. However, all dental work is done free of charge for those unable to pay.



Mrs. Louise F. Dennie, the school nurse, reports the following work done on children's teeth in the year 1955:

Fillings	414
Extractions	156
Cleanings	21
Examinations	41

### MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

The Bristol County Mental Health Clinic, which is supported in part by the Town of Fairhaven, provides facilities for psychiatric diagnosis, treatment and consultation for both children and adults. These services are provided to residents of Fairhaven free of charge. During the past year 15 patients from this town were treated at the Clinic.

### LICENSES

During the year we have issued 44 milk and cream licenses, 5 camp licenses, 14 alcohol licenses and 8 oleo-margarine licenses.

### SANITATION

The collection of garbage has been carried out most efficiently by Joseph Medeiros. Henry Stevens, Slaughter Inspector, Samuel Barrett, Animal and Milk Inspector and Lawrence Maxfield, Sanitary Inspector, have discharged their duties efficiently and well. The time and effort these men have put into their work have aided the Board immeasurably.

The Board wishes to express deep appreciation to the Community Nurses and the Police Department for the help and co-operation given us during the past year.

DR. C. E. P. THOMPSON

CLARENCE TERRY

DR. F. A. SILVEIRA, JR.

Executive Officer

# Animal Inspection

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## REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

On the 5th day of July I was given the dog warrant with 42 names of dog owners with unlicensed dogs.

All of those people that still live in Fairhaven have licenses at the present time.

Three persons were brought into court.

There are at present 1401 licensed dogs in Town, plus 100 dogs with kennel licenses.

I have caught and confined 24 unlicensed dogs, I have sold four of these dogs for three dollars each and turned the money over to the Town Clerk.

I have made 14 investigations where people had complained of dogs bothering them in one way or another.

SAMUEL C. BARRETT,

Dog Officer.

## Health Nursing Service

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Community or Public Health is concerned with the health of the individuals and families living in a community. The object of a community health program is to bring to all the people the benefits of modern medical and related sciences; (1) the care of and the rehabilitation of the sick and disabled, (2) the promotion of healthful living and (3) the prevention and control of disease.

The appropriation from the Town for Health Nursing made it possible to make the following visits during the year of 1955:

Communicable Diseases	120 visits
Child Welfare	1505 visits
Tuberculosis	78 visits
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	1703

The Town paid for the following nursing visits to patients receiving:

Old Age Assistance	413
General Relief	384
Disability Assistance	3
Veterans Benefits	187
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Two new cases of Tuberculosis were admitted during the year, who were hospitalized and their contacts have been X-rayed. Several arrested cases had X-Ray examinations during the year and contacts have been checked periodically. Some of the examinations were made at the Bristol County State Sanatoria, others at New Bedford Tuberculosis Clinic, and others by private physicians.

Assistance was given at the following clinics held under the supervision of the Board of Health:

Diphtheria Toxoid Clinic	—561 children were inoculated
Vaccination Clinic	—45 children were vaccinated
Polio Clinic	—403 children were inoculated

The Board of Health Executive Officer has been most helpful in reporting some of the new laws and policies of the Commonwealth as they affect those doing Public Health Nursing.

To all who have assisted and co-operated appreciation is hereby expressed.

GRACE E. SMALLEY, R. N.

## Sewer and Water Department

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The Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners organized with G. Winston Valentine, Chairman; John M. Reilly, Clerk and Lawrence B. Maxfield.

The Sewer and Water Department has charge of maintenance of four pumping stations, all main sewers in Town, the water main and hydrants on Sconticut Neck. supervises and installs all house sewer connections, and also water services to residents on Sconticut Neck only.

During 1955 fifty new water services and forty new sewer connections were connected to the systems, making a total of ninety for the year. Thirty-four water services, lost during the Hurricanes, were repaired and are now back in use. There are approximately 2060 sewer connections in use, and to date 815 water services installed on Sconticut Neck.

The following main lines were laid by contract during the year:

6 in. water main — Brae Road, approximately 570 feet.

8 in. sewer main — Haste Street, approximately 768 feet.

An 8 in. sewer main was laid in Holcomb Street, East Winsor Street and Alden Road, and a 6 in. sewer main in Massasoit Avenue, under the supervision of the Sewer and Water Department and at the expense of property owners.

An 8 in. sewer main was laid in Pilgrim Avenue, approximately 200 feet, all work done by the department.

We are pleased to report that we were able to return to the Town, due to work done during the year, the amount of \$25,802.05.

G. WINSTON VALENTINE

JOHN M. REILLY

LAWRENCE B. MAXFIELD

Sewer and Water Commissioners

## Highway Department

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It is the function of the Highway Department to maintain streets, roads, sidewalks and drains as well as the collection and disposal of all rubbish. The department is called upon to remove snow and sand icy roads. The problem of maintaining streets and roads in this Town is a difficult one, because of the nature of the soil and the fact that much of the Town has an unusual amount of hard pan that holds the water near the surface and creates a muddy condition.

In 1955 this department was engaged in the usual maintenance work of patching, seal coating, reconstructing streets as well as hard surfacing sidewalks which were broken up by the 1954 hurricane and 555 square yards of cement walks were relaid.

Under the granolithic sidewalks program 2380 square yards of new walk were constructed. The usual amount of money was expended on Chapter 90 Maintenance, consisting of widening shoulders on Alden Road and seal coating on Sconticut Neck Road. Under seal coating 40367 square yards were treated and of this total 32000 square yards were double honed thereby producing a smoother riding surface. It is hoped that more of this type of treatment can be done in the future.

The unusual heavy freezing and resultant thawing of roads early this winter is sure to result in a great deal of repair work in the spring.

In the problem of snow plowing this department is greatly hindered by the large number of cars parked on streets at night making it impossible to do a thorough job. I would recommend that some means be taken to prohibit all-night parking during the winter season.

The collection and disposal of rubbish is increasing every year with the completion of many new homes and opening of new streets and the fact that most foods are now packed in cans, bottles or cartons helps to increase the load. Regarding disposal, persons carrying material to the dump could help maintain a neater appearance and

reduce the costs if they would obey the signs directing persons to dump in the rear rather than near the street where the wind blows the material onto the street and adjacent private property causing complaints from the owners of same.

As authorized by special articles voted in Town Meeting this department has reconstructed 5067 square yards of streets, as well as finishing 2533 square yards of streets partially built the previous year and 1910 feet of drain was laid with 16 catch basins. The North Street drain was completed; 2271 feet of concrete curb was built on Sconticut Neck Road and on Chestnut Street.

The cost of operating the Highway Department is without doubt bound to increase because of added cost of materials involved. The price of sand and gravel alone having increased 50 % in the past two years.

This department appreciates the help and co-operation rendered by other departments and individuals.

HENRY T. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Highways.



## Building Department

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It is the duty of the Building Department to enforce the Zoning and Building Regulations adopted by the Town. The Zoning Law regulates the type of building permitted in the various areas, in residence, business, apartment and industrial. It also regulates the size of the yards. The Building Code stipulates types and quantities of materials used in various buildings.

Due to the fact that parts of Fairhaven were cut up into building lots, previous to 1926 when the Zoning Law was adopted, it is difficult to locate desired buildings on these small lots. Many times the petitioner is referred to the Board of Appeals, who have the power to grant a variance in such cases.

There were 458 applications for new building, issued from this office, in the year 1955, as follows:

84 single dwellings: 15 dwellings, with attached garages: 57 garages: 81 relocations, after hurricane: 3 barns: 58 sheds: 118 repairs and additions: 7 henhouses: 1 gas station: 1 dance hall: 1 Community Building: 1 flower shop: 2 greenhouses: 1 store: 28 breezeways, connecting dwellings, garages, etc.

Fees were charged for the following.

84 single dwellings at \$5.00	\$420.00
15 dwellings, with garages attached at \$6.00	90.00
57 garages at \$1.00	57.00

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Reported to the Treasurer	\$567.00
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It is required that all Plumbing applications be obtained in the office of the Building Inspector, Town Hall.

### Plumbing Applications and Fees

John M. Reilly	433 at \$5.00	\$2,165.00
Eben P. Hirst	46 at 5.00	230.00
Brayton Beals	15 at 5.00	75.00
Lawrence B. Maxfield	4 at 5.00	20.00

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\$2,490.00

HENRY T. HOWARD,

Building Inspector

## Shellfish Inspection

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There has been no noticeable change for the Shellfish department to report for 1955. A large number of citizens enjoyed the beaches all summer and if they found shellfish scarce they simply went fishing.

Clams have been almost extinct for the last four years, no lack of seed in the spring but it does not mature. The last year produced a good growth of young quahogs in many areas and hundreds of bushels of quahogs were taken from the shores. The scallop crop was a failure. About 400 bushels were dredged with over 50 boats trying to locate the beds, but at the present time a wide area of water has a good set of scallop seed for next year.

Commercial fishermen found quahogs scarce and hard to get. The majority of licenses issued were used very little.

### Licenses issued:—

13 dragger licenses @ \$5.00	\$65.00
41 commercial licenses @ \$5.00	205.00
57 scallop licenses @ \$5.00	285.00
502 family permits @ \$1.00	502.00
36 non-resident permits @ \$1.00	36.00
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	\$1,093.00

About 400 bushels of scallops were dredged and approximately 8,974 bushels of quahogs, more than 100 bushels of oysters were taken from the head of Little Bay.

TRACY M. MARKS,

Shellfish Constable.

## Fairhaven Board of Retirement

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The Contributory Retirement System started in the Town of Fairhaven July 1, 1937 with a total membership of Thirty — Three on December 31, 1937. We close the year 1955 with a total membership of ninety-five, eighty active members and fifteen inactive members.

The following schedules show the operations summarized for the year ending December 31, 1955.

### INCOME

Cash on Hand—12-31-54	\$113,971.50	
Contributions from Members	12,190.59	
Appropriation from Town	6,952.00	
Interest Received	4,174.76	
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Total Income		\$137,288.85

### DISBURSEMENTS

Pensions Paid	\$8,418.17	
Refunds	1,309.23	
Expenses	283.13	
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Total Disbursements		10,010.53
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		\$127,278.32

### Balance

National Bank of Fairhaven	\$2,194.68	
Fairhaven Institution for Savings	111,083.64	
Government Bonds	14,000.00	
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		\$127,278.32

### Retirement Board

ELIZABETH H. CHURCH

IRVA M. BUSHNELL

MICHAEL J. O'LEARY

## Park Department

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The Park Commissioners organized with Joseph L. Faria, Jr., as Chairman, Ernest Tripanier, and Louis T. Brock, Sr., as Secretary.

One of the first projects of the year was the completion of the Honor Roll in Memorial Park at the entrance to Fairhaven from New Bedford. New plastic permanent name plates were manufactured and put into the Honor Roll representing citizens of Fairhaven who served in the Armed Forces of World War II.

The Park building on Spring Street used as a storage for all park and playground equipment received its badly needed repairs. The side walls were resingled with a fire-proof material, the bare earthen floor has been cemented and a lavatory constructed for the use of the park laborers. The building, long an eyesore, now can be considered worthy for use many, many years.

Construction of a retaining wall in the rear of the new Oxford School was completed, thereby serving a twofold purpose. The long sloping hill at the rear of the school no longer creates the hazardous gullies, following a rain storm, in the surface of the soft ball diamond. In addition the wall with heavy planking on top serves as a bench for the many baseball fans in North Fairhaven.

Willow Park in the center of the Town was offered for the use of the Fairhaven Improvement Association to conduct its Annual Fair during the month of June.

Because of the polio epidemic during the summer months, the playground attendance fell off slightly. However, with the construction of new swings in all playgrounds, the children were accorded a delightful feature.

Having been destroyed by the hurricane of 1954, the electrical illumination facilities at Cushman Park were rebuilt, thereby serving the people of Fairhaven an opportunity to again enjoy the usual delightful summer evening band concerts provided by the Fairhaven High School Band under the direction of Miss Elizabeth L. Hastings.

Ground has been broken and the construction of a double tennis court and a basketball court is under way for the recreation of the public at Livesey Memorial Park. These courts should be ready for use in the spring of 1956.

The Christmas Season of 1955 was observed by the construction of a beautifully illuminated display at Benoit Square Park by the members of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

This year, just as in previous years, the Park Department was called upon to do more and more rebuilding of the baseball diamonds at Livesey Memorial Park and Cushman Park. With more playground equipment and new tennis and basketball courts, the Commissioners earnestly request the addition of one man to the present two man labor group during the months of June, July and August.

The Park Commissioners with the aid of the general public hope to keep our parks beautiful throughout the coming year.

JOSEPH L. FARIA, JR.

ERNEST TRIPANIER

LOUIS T. BROCK, SR.

Board of Park Commissioners

# Care of Trees

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## TREE WARDEN

To safeguard our shade trees in various parts of the town, all streets throughout the town have been sprayed as well as a large number on private property. Also, a second spraying has been given to keep under control the later breeding of beetles. During the year we cut, to sidewalk level, practically all tree butts that were left over from the hurricane and also removed seventy two (72) trees, trimmed trees, removed dead limbs and elevated the trees so that they will not cause any damage to the large trucks and buses that use our streets. We also planted sixty trees in various parts of the town.

I recommend an appropriation of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for care of trees in 1956.

I am recommending a special appropriation of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the purchase of trees to replace the trees that we have lost.

JOHN JARVIS,  
Tree Warden

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## MOTH DEPARTMENT

During the past year we sprayed all shade trees and removed dead limbs in various parts of the town and carted and burned brush at the town dump. I find that our trees, as a whole, are in healthy condition.

I recommend an appropriation of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for Insect Pest Extermination in 1956.

JOHN JARVIS,  
Supt. of Moths.



## Tax Title

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Mr. Michael J. O'Leary  
Town Treasurer  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

The following is a brief report of the tax title activity in the year ending December 31, 1955.

With the cooperation of the Collector of Taxes and Board of Assessors, twenty-five invalid tax titles, which have accumulated over several years, were disclaimed. The taxes involved, totalling \$1,131.49, were disposed of by abatement in the amount of \$46.17 and the balance was retaken in nineteen new and valid tax takings.

During the year twelve tax titles were redeemed and a partial payment was made on another. Of the seven tax titles offered for foreclosure sale as lands of low value, one was sold and the other six were purchased for the Town and added to the list of saleable tax possession properties. Two foreclosure petitions are pending in the Land Court.

The receipts from tax title activity and from the related tax possession sales were:

Tax title redemptions, book value	\$3,010.56
Tax title redemptions, costs and interest	332.95
Sale of land of low value	128.00
Sale of tax possessions by Selectmen	1,967.00
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	\$5,438.51

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENCE F. DAVIS.

Attorney and Counsellor at Law



## Veterans' Benefits

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The Veterans' Benefits case load opened in January with 52 cases receiving aid and closed in December with 48 cases. These were divided as follows:

Spanish War	1
World War I	9
World War II	33
Korean War	5

Assistance was granted to the following:

Dependent parents in their homes	10
Dependent parent in nursing home	1
Widowed mothers	10
Families due to illness of the Veteran	10
Widows of Veterans	4
Single Veterans due to illness	7
Due to unemployment of the Veteran	6

The three strikes which we had during the year accounted for the majority of cases of unemployment. These cases were aided to food and shelter according to the budget approved by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services.

The needs of this department are difficult to determine due to the amount of medical expense. The veterans of World War I are requiring more medical care, as are the dependent parents of veterans of World War II, and widows of World War I veterans. Among the dependents receiving Veterans' Benefits are two widowed mothers, one who is a single amputee and one a double amputee.

We endeavor to have the veteran who is ill admitted to a Veterans' Administration Hospital whenever possible. Although we have fourteen cases receiving some form of government compensation, additional aid is often necessary. There are five cases receiving medical care only.

Before granting Veterans' Benefits, approval is requested from the Commissioner of Veterans' Services. All expenditures are reported monthly to him and if approved, one-half of the amount expended is reimbursed to the town and is credited to the General Fund.

ALBERT E. STANTON,

Veterans' Agent

# Police Department

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Below and on following pages you will find the annual report of the Fairhaven Police Department.

## **Ambulance Service in 1955**

Total number of runs — 282

43 days with 2 runs per day

14 days with 3 runs per day

3 days with 4 runs per day

1 day with 5 runs per day

Yearly mileage — 3,200 miles

Mileage Jan. 31, 1956 — 5,549 miles

## **Department Patrol Cars**

Three 6-cylinder 4-door Ford Sedans were delivered on June 15, 1955. Mileage on December 31, 1955 on these cars shows for Car 1 — 29,594; Car 2 — 31,059, and Car 3 — 9,804.

Two cars are being sought for 1956 to replace Car 1 and Car 2. Car 3 will be used through 1956.

## **Bristol County Police Officers' Training School**

**Sponsored by Southeastern Massachusetts Police Chief's Asso.**

During October one day sergeant and a patrolman and one night sergeant and a patrolman attended three sessions a week for three weeks at Taunton Police Headquarters. This schooling was after their day or night tour of duty. This year the police school will be started in April and two day and two night police officers will be delegated to attend a nine-day and night period.

## **Traffic and Safety Education Program**

In February Motor Vehicle Inspector William G. DesRuisseau, who is assigned to Safety Education by Registrar Rudolph King, and Patrolman Albert E. Foster of

this department conducted a safety program at our high school assembly and were well received. I am assured by Insp. DesRuisseau that in May or June all schools in Fairhaven — public and parochial — will be provided with a safety education program.

### **Increased Auto Insurance**

To inform readers as to the accidents in the years 1950 through 1955 I submit the following data from our files:

#### **Accidents reported to Fairhaven Police**

	<b>Non-injury</b>	<b>Injury</b>	<b>Totals</b>
1950	79	92	171
1951	105	93	198
1952	92	72	164
1953	90	92	182
1954	76	89	165
1955	54	94	148

### **Summer Traffic Control**

I have set up my budget for an extra car on Wednesday, Sunday and holiday afternoons with one man for five hours to check and control traffic in fast-driving areas. This setup allows the other two cars to handle routine matters and give the town more patrol coverage which tends to slow down the speeders.

### **Youth Guidance and Training by Police**

The two groups of youths in North Fairhaven are producing very desirous results through Patrolman Theodore Wolan and his group of North Fairhaven Junior Patrol and Intermittent Patrolman Manuel Duarte's North Fairhaven Silent Police. Several parties have been attended by me and it is gratifying to see the adult interest in these groups. To the patrolmen goes my thanks. To the parents: please continue your interest in your boys and the patrolmen.

### **Conclusion**

Many persons, cognizant of the fact that the successful conduct of the police department is in large measure de-

pendent on interest and cooperation, continue to furnish us information when it is most needed.

I welcome this opportunity to extend my thanks to these fine citizens and to the various organizations which have helped the department.

Also, I take this means of expressing my appreciation to the district attorney and his staff, the courts, the Board of Selectmen, Superintendent Flavel M. Gifford, the school faculty, the student body, other town departments, state and other police departments, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the press, Radio Stations WNBH, WFMR, and WBSM the four improvement associations in Fairhaven, the businessmen, and the public in general.

NORMAN D. SHURTLEFF,

Chief of Police

#### OFFENSES

	Males	Females	Totals
Allowing person to improperly operate motor vehicle	1	0	1
Assault and battery	6	2	8
Assault on a police officer	1	0	1
Assault with a dangerous weapon	0	1	1
Attaching registration plates to a motor vehicle other than for which they were issued	1	0	1
Attempt to break and enter in the nighttime and commit larceny	4	0	0
Attempt to commit larceny	2	0	2
Being a delinquent child	26	2	28
Being an unlicensed operator	7	1	8
Breaking and entering and larceny in the nighttime	2	0	2
Disturbing the peace	2	0	2
Drunkenness	35	4	39
Failing to stop at stop sign	1	0	1
Failing to stop for red light	0	1	1
Fairhaven traffic rules and orders violations	0	1	1
Forgery	3	0	3
Giving false name to police officer	2	0	2

	Males	Females	Totals
Illegitimate children law violations	1	0	1
Indecent assault	1	0	1
Keeping unlicensed dog	2	2	4
Larceny	16	0	16
Leaving scene of accident after causing injury to property	4	3	7
Lewd and lascivious cohabitation	1	1	2
Lewdness	1	0	1
Neglect of family	1	0	1
Operating a motor vehicle after license was revoked	2	0	2
Operating a motor vehicle after license was suspended	2	0	2
Operating a motor vehicle so as to endanger	8	1	9
Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor	19	2	21
Operating a motor vehicle without having a certificate of registration in possession	2	0	2
Operating a motor vehicle without having an operator's license in possession	2	0	2
Operating an uninsured motor vehicle	2	0	2
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle	2	0	2
Parole violations	0	1	1
Receiving stolen property	1	0	1
Refusal to surrender suspended license	0	2	2
Removing historical monument	4	0	4
Rules and regulations violations	2	0	2
Speeding	17	0	17
Threatening bodily harm	1	0	1
Unlawful appropriation of a motor vehicle	2	1	3
Unnatural act	1	0	1
Vagrancy	1	0	1
Wilful injury to real property	1	0	1
Wilfully disturbing school	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL LOCAL OFFENSES</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>215</b>

	Males	Females	Totals
OFFENSES IN ARRESTS FOR OUT-OF-TOWN POLICE	82	6	88
TOTAL OFFENSES	272	31	303

#### DISPOSITION OF CASES

Fined	31	3	34
Dismissed	22	9	31
Filed	43	4	47
Continued	30	2	32
House of Correction	7	0	7
Youth Service Board	2	0	2
Youth Service Board Suspended	3	0	3
Fined — Suspended	14	2	16
Probation	2	1	3
Nolle Prossed	3	0	3
House of Correction Suspended	4	0	4
Released Without Arraignment	10	2	12
Appealed	5	0	5
Not Guilty	8	1	9
State Prison	3	0	3
Probation and Fined	2	0	2
Framingham Reformatory	0	1	1
Defaulted	1	0	1
	190	25	215

#### ARRESTS BY MONTHS

January	6	0	6
February	6	1	7
March	15	2	17
April	6	0	6
May	8	0	8
June	10	2	12
July	6	4	10
August	20	1	21
September	6	1	7
October	15	5	20
November	2	2	4
December	13	1	14
TOTAL ARRESTS FOR LOCAL OFFENSES	113	19	132



	Males	Females	Totals
ARRESTS FOR OUT-OF-TOWN POLICE	68	5	73
TOTAL ARRESTS	181	24	205

#### ARRESTS BY AGES

11-15 years	12	1	13
16-20 years	26	2	28
21-25 years	24	2	26
26-30 years	14	3	17
31-35 years	8	3	11
36-40 years	7	2	9
41-45 years	10	0	10
46-50 years	6	3	9
51-55 years	3	0	3
56-60 years	1	0	1
61-65 years	1	2	3
66-70 years	1	1	2
TOTAL ARRESTS FOR LOCAL OFFENSES	113	19	132
ARRESTS FOR OUT-OF-TOWN POLICE	68	5	73
TOTAL ARRESTS	181	24	205

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

Chief	\$3,839.97
Regular Men	30,475.86
Intermittent Men	13,313.76
Flashlight Batteries and Bulbs	42.25
Telephones	553.37
Auto Maintenance Gas and Oil	1,913.90
Repairs	846.86
Printing	71.05
Office Supplies	77.31
Physicians and Hospitals	24.00
Traveling Expense	37.10
First Aid Supplies	1.10
Supplies	111.51
Office Expense	97.96
Equipment for Men	79.10
Street Directory	43.75



Photography	23.03
Auto Hire	448.86
Membership Fees	13.00
Out-of-State Travel	48.30
Radio Maintenance	41.80
Ambulance Maintenance	217.98
Furniture and Fixtures	23.25
Police Boat	23.76
Motor Hire	5.00

TOTAL EXPENDED	\$52,373.83
Unexpended	112.79

#### APPROPRIATION ANNUAL TOWN MEETING \$52,486.62

Fines imposed in Fairhaven cases	\$1,810.00
Fine money received by the town	72.00
Telephone calls, etc. January 1—December 31, 1955	33,187
Complaints	2,521
Reports	2,566
Resident arrests	47
Non-resident arrests	85
Stolen property reported to the value of	\$12,483.34
Stolen property reported recovered to the value of	\$5,507.01
Number of Motor Vehicle Injury accidents reports filed with the police department in 1955	94
Number of non-injury accident reports filed under Section 1, Article IX, as amended, Traffic Rules and Regulations	54
Number of dead bodies found	7
Number of persons injured in motor vehicle accidents	143
Number of persons killed in motor vehicle accidents	2
Number of doors found unlocked or open	12
Number of windows found unlocked or open	2
Number of street lights reported out	369
Number of occasions when sections of the town were without lights	2
Number of ambulance cases	282
Number of Motor Vehicle Sales and Transfers filed with the police department in 1955:	
Class 1	578
Class 2	797
Class 3	None
Individual	823
	2,198

Mileage covered by ambulance in 1955	3,200
Number of children lost and returned to their homes	5
Number of traffic checkups	541
Number of above checkups which resulted in operators' licenses or rights being recommended suspended or revoked	77
Number of operators' licenses and rights suspended or revoked	130
Number of motor vehicle registrations suspended or revoked	9

## Civil Defense

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Semi-monthly meetings have been held during the past year, and members of the Advisory Committee have been advised of meetings when the Director has needed the assistance of these 8 men in matters of Civil Defense Finances.

### Members of the Advisory Committee :

Louis Rogissart, 399 Main St.  
Wm. Brennan, 74 Raymond St.  
John A. Gage, Jr., 79 Pilgrim Ave.  
Jose Urquiola, 39 Wilding St.  
Walter Silveira, 248 Green St.  
Albert E. Stanton, 141 New Boston Rd.  
Charles W. Knowlton, 30 Elm Ave.  
Michael J. O'Leary, 89 Laurel St.

### APPROPRIATIONS

In addition to the operating budget for Civil Defense a special appropriation for the purchase of an emergency generator was made by the Finance Committee.

A 10 K.W. Onan generator was purchased on July 21, 1955 and installed in the boiler-room of the Town Hall which, in an emergency, if the electric power supply fails in the building will cut on to automatically supply power to run the Town Hall, including Police, Civil Defense, and the Administrative offices as well as the hall itself.

In the year 1955 I feel that the Civil Defense organization has made advances that indicates good progress. Our enrolled membership has risen from 557 as of June 1, 1954 to 848 on January 1, 1956. This brings us within 50% of our goal of enrollment for the first time.

We have continued to conduct 1st Aid classes throughout the year: we have continued to show Civil Defense Educational movies to local Civic Organizations as well as to our schools.

Our Staff has attended Regional, State and Area Civil Defense meetings throughout the year.

We have maintained a stand-by staff during the hurricane season to offer assistance and advice whenever we've been called on to do so: and as a public service maintain a list of people living in low water areas of the town who have asked us to always notify them of special weather hazards.

A new department on Evacuation, which you will be hearing more of, has been initiated and we are awaiting co-operation from the State in order to present to you a possible program in EVACUATION.

Your Director was honored by being invited to participate in "Operation Que" at the Atomic Proving Site at Las Vegas, Nev. where an intensive program in Civil Defense under survival conditions was undertaken as a training program in connection with the tests being run.

In closing my report, may I repeat, my personal thanks to all of those now serving in Civil Defense for your splendid cooperation, and a special invitation to those who are not now members of our Civil Defense organization to join with us as each in his own way has a very special place, and all of us required some training for the job we are now doing.

Special talent is not necessary, call 8-5107 for more information as to what you can do to help create a fine Civil Defense. Our office is located in the basement of the Town Hall. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to your own safety and welfare.

Remember: CIVIL DEFENSE IS YOUR DEFENSE.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. MULLEN,

Civil Defense Director



**SCHOOL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**



**FOR THE**  
**YEAR 1955**

## School Committee

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	Terms Expire
Raymond G. Archambault, 72 Adams St.	1956
Mrs. Edith M. Moore, 178 Adams St., Chairman Resigned September 6, 1955	
John T. Morgan, 10 Coggeshall St. Elected October 17, 1955	1956
Albert M. Gonsalves, 145 Washington St.	1957
Waldo E. Haydon, 43 Hedge St., Vice Chairman	1957
Clarence E. MaGuire, 39 Wilding St.	1958
Cecil H. Whittier, 68 Laurel St.	1958

Regular meetings are held in the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

### SECRETARY AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Flavel M. Gifford, 37 William St.  
Office                    3-1241  
Residence            2-1355

### OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

TOWN HALL 3-1241

Beatrice M. DeCoffe, 212 Main St.	Secretary
Grace M. Battistelli, 73 Main St.	Clerk

The office of the Superintendent is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays when it is open in the forenoon only.

Personal appointments with the Superintendent may be made by calling the office.

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Charles E. P. Thompson, M. D., 65 Center St.

### SCHOOL NURSE AND SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Louise F. Dennie, R. N., Spring St., Marion.



## School Calendar

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<b>1955-56</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Days</b>
First Term	14	Mon., Sept. 9	Fri., Dec. 23	65
Second Term	7	Tues., Jan. 3	Fri., Feb. 17	34
Third Term	7	Mon., Feb. 27	Fri., Apr. 13	34
Fourth Term	9	Mon., Apr. 23	Wed., June 20	42
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<b>1956-57</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Days</b>
First Term	16	Wed., Sept. 5	Fri., Dec. 21	73
Second Term	7	Wed., Jan. 2	Fri., Feb. 15	33
Third Term	7	Mon., Feb. 25	Fri., Apr. 12	35
Fourth Term	9	Mon., Apr. 22	Wed., June 19	42
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There will be no school on the following days which occur during the scheduled terms of 1956:

Mar. 30	Good Friday
May 31	Memorial Day
Oct. 12	Columbus Day
Oct. 26	Teachers' Convention
Nov. 12	Veterans Day
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving Recess from noon Nov. 21

### NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

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7:00 a.m.	Indicates no school for all day.
12:30 p.m.	Indicates no afternoon session for grades 1 to 7.

It is the policy of the School Committee to order the no-school signal only in the most severe weather conditions or when the transportation service is interrupted. When school is held in inclement weather, parents are expected to use their own judgment in sending children to school.

# Report of the School Committee

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To the Citizens of Fairhaven:

The report of the School Committee for the year ending December 31, 1955 is submitted herewith.

## MEETINGS

The School Committee has held 21 meetings during the year. It has had to deal not only with the usual problems of running a school system but with the special problems of increased enrollment, building needs, transportation contracts, teacher shortage, and revised salary schedules.

## THE LAW REQUIRES

Much of the law under which the School Committee operates is found in Chapter 71 of the General Laws. A summary of the most important provisions may be of sufficient interest to warrant its inclusion here.

Towns are required to elect three, five, six, seven, or nine members of the School Committee for terms of three years. Fairhaven has chosen to elect six, the number most frequently found in towns throughout the commonwealth. Two members are elected annually and they serve without compensation.

The School Committee has general charge of the public schools and, subject to certain limitations, it determines the length of the school year, the hours during which the schools will be in session and the regulations concerning attendance therein. It elects and contracts with the teachers and may, under certain conditions, demote or dismiss them.

Among the various functions that come within the jurisdiction of the school committee are physical education, vocational education, adult alien education, and the education of mentally retarded and physically handicapped children. There are also the items of transportation, medical examination, maintenance of buildings and grounds, and more recently the school lunch program which has expanded into what amounts to a chain of restaurants.

The law requires that the town shall maintain a sufficient number of schools, that such schools shall be taught by teachers of competent ability and good morals, and that instruction shall be given in a long list of subjects in addition to which is added "such other subjects as the school committee considers expedient."

Recognizing the fact that knowledge of subject matter alone is not a sufficient education the law further prescribes that all instructors of youth shall exert their best endeavors to impress on children's minds the principles of piety, justice, industry and frugality, and the many other virtues which are declared to be "the ornament of human society and the basis upon which our republican constitution is founded." Teachers shall endeavor to lead their pupils into a clear understanding of the tendency of these virtues to protect our form of government, to secure the blessings of liberty, and to promote their future happiness.

To assist the School Committee in its responsibility a superintendent must be elected who shall have the care and supervision of the public schools, assist in keeping the records and accounts, make the necessary reports, and recommend teachers, textbooks and courses of study. He is the executive officer and professional adviser of the school committee and the general manager of the school system. In our case the superintendent is elected by the joint school committee of Fairhaven and Mattapoisett. The two towns share his services and that of the office staff on the basis of 80 % for Fairhaven and 20 % for Mattapoisett.

In carrying out our duties as members of the School Committee we are mindful of the mandates of the law and the discretionary powers with which we have been entrusted. We can be advised, but rarely instructed. Our purpose has been to carry out these duties in the best interest of the state, the town, and the children.

## **BUILDING NEEDS**

The School Committee reaffirms its position that the present serious shortage of rooms should be met by the immediate construction of a junior high school for the seventh and eighth grades. Such a plan has already been supported by votes of 59 % and 70 % in town meeting and by 62 % in a referendum.

The elementary schools have adequate room for grades one to six except at the Rogers School where we urge that four classrooms and other facilities be added immediately. The School Committee has endorsed the work of the Elementary School Building Committee and has approved its plans for such an addition.

The present crowded conditions are obvious in the East Fairhaven School where the presence of the seventh grade requires the use of a room planned for other purposes. The Rogers School seventh grade is occupying a small room in the Boys' Club. The presence of the eighth grade at the High School is taxing the building beyond its proper capacity. It is not possible to offer the best educational opportunities under such conditions and the situation is becoming progressively worse. The trend can be reversed only by favorable action of the Town Meeting with regard to the two building projects.

### **TEACHERS' SALARIES**

The only change in the salary schedule to become effective in 1955 was a raise of \$150 in the maximum. The resulting Bachelor's Degree schedule of \$2800 to \$3850 is not adequate. A proposed schedule of \$2800 to \$4000 for 1956 is likewise not sufficient to attract and maintain a good teaching staff.

The Committee has met the situation by adopting a Bachelor's Degree schedule of \$3000 to \$4250 with a "no-degree" schedule \$100 less and a Master's Degree \$200 more. It has provided for the new plan to become partially effective in September 1956 with raises in the basic salary limited to \$400.

### **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS, 1955**

New stage curtains were installed for \$1200.00 in the Larch Avenue Auditorium replacing the original installation and improving the appearance of the hall.

The Committee expended the entire \$1000.00 of the Blacktop appropriation for resurfacing a part of the Anthony School playground.

A half-ton truck was acquired in June and has been found most useful in the Maintenance Department.

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES, 1956**

**High School Heating System.** The Committee would like to install thermostatic controls in rooms where the most difficulty is found.

**Dishwashing Equipment.** We are serving about 600 hot lunches in the High School daily with inadequate room and equipment for dishwashing. We propose to install new equipment in the small octagonal room adjoining the lunchroom areas.

**Canvas.** The canvas used at the Athletic Field is said to have been in use for twenty-five years. Profit from games is not sufficient to make the necessary replacement which would be approximately \$1500.00.

**Anthony School Roof.** We are informed by competent contractors that further repairs to this roof are not practical. The present shingles should be replaced with asbestos shingles and new copper valleys and flashings should be installed.

**Articles Relative to Buildings.** Building needs are reported in another section of this report. We urge favorable action on articles which will promote the building of a junior high school and an addition to the Rogers School.

## **CONCLUSION**

Your attention is called to the report of the Superintendent and to other reports included herewith as the report of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO E. HAYDON,  
Vice-Chairman

RAYMOND G. ARCHAMBAULT

ALBERT M. GONSALVES

CLARENCE E. MaGUIRE

JOHN T. MORGAN

CECIL H. WHITTIER

School Committee



# Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Fairhaven School Committee:

I submit herewith my seventeenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

## ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
Average Membership	1,916	1,972	1,967	2,103
Percent of Attendance	94.12	93.80	94.79	93.11

Further information concerning enrollment by school, grade and age may be found in the accompanying tables.

## TEACHER CHANGES

Name	Began	Left	Memo
Mary I. Cook	Sept. 1944	June 1954	To Mansfield
Donald K. Marvin	Sept. 1948	June 1955	To Dartmouth
Elsie-Lee McCarthy	Sept. 1949	June 1955	To Dartmouth
Bradford I. Pierce	Sept. 1951	June 1955	To Dartmouth
Edward J. McDermott	Sept. 1951	June 1955	To New York
Therese J. Vanasse	Sept. 1952	Jan. 1955	Leave of Absence
Christine M. Hodgson	Sept. 1952	June 1955	Resigned
Francis R. Lussier	Sept. 1952	June 1955	To Dighton
Patricia E. Murray	Sept. 1953	June 1955	Marriage
Joan C. Nelson	Sept. 1954	April 1955	Resigned
Barbara A. Barba	Sept. 1954	June 1955	Leave of Absence
Joan M. Halligan	Sept. 1954	June 1955	Marriage
Jean E. Parkinson	Sept. 1954	June 1955	Marriage
Carlos R. Ventura	Sept. 1954	June 1955	To New Bedford
Elizabeth L. Mandell	Sept. 1954	June 1955	To New Bedford
Florence W. Lincoln	Nov. 1954	June 1955	To New Bedford
Albert Aurecchia	Jan. 1955	June 1955	To Study
Elizabeth R. Skolfield	Sept. 1955	Dec. 1955	Resigned

This list of 18 teachers who left during 1955 includes Miss Cook who did not return from the leave of absence granted in 1954. Nine left to teach elsewhere and nine for other reasons. The eighteen replacements were secured

as follows: 4 from other teaching positions, 6 after marriage and absence from teaching, 2 from state teachers' colleges, and 6 from other colleges.

## ORGANIZATION

All elementary school rooms are organized for the current school year with a single grade to a room except three, the Rogers School has a combination first and second and a third and fourth, and East Fairhaven has a sixth and seventh. We have no room to organize otherwise without using the platoon or half-day system. Classes of 35 are now considered as large as we should have, but we have six classes that are larger.

When the Rogers School third floor was closed by order of the state building inspector last spring we put the Rogers sixth and seventh grades on the platoon system with the seventh attending school in the morning and the sixth in the same room in the afternoon. To avoid such a plan this fall we made arrangements for the seventh grade to use a small room in the Boys' Club. The state building inspector has limited such use to 40 persons and on a temporary basis.

A large increase in eighth grade enrollment has required increasing the rooms and teachers for that grade from five to six with the consequent further crowding of high school pupils. The situation is calling more and more urgently for more rooms as recommended previously by the Superintendent, the School Committee and the Building Committees.

## READING

Reading is the most important single subject of the school curriculum because it is so closely related to the others and one of the principal means of acquiring knowledge. Reading handicaps are frequently complicated and difficult to diagnose. Reading methods have been debated from coast to coast and individual teachers vary considerably in their results in this subject.

We have 49 teachers of reading in grades one to seven and some in higher grades who could be benefited by a reading specialist, a teacher who has had special training in the diagnosis and treatment of reading difficulties. I should like to have the School Committee authorize the



employment of a special teacher who might be called a reading consultant or a supervisor of reading.

## **MAINTENANCE.**

Repairs, upkeep, and replacements have required an expenditure of \$14,875.12 during the year. Our Maintenance Department under the direction of Lawrence V. Robinson has done the usual multitude of small jobs that have to be done. The largest paint projects were the East Fairhaven exterior and auditorium, the Anthony interior, the Oxford tower and the High School bleachers.

A new ceiling was installed in the Anthony School, playgrounds were graded, and many chalkboards and desks were refinished. The men also served as substitute janitors for a time equivalent to one man's work for nine weeks. The new half-ton truck purchased in June has proved a very useful acquisition.

In addition to the work of the maintenance men we have had to call on plumbers, steamfitters, electricians, and specialized mechanics for the usual emergencies. Oil burners in the Oxford, Rogers and East Fairhaven schools have all required immediate and expert service.

The new budget should provide for a continuance of the regular maintenance program and for the usual miscellaneous items. It should also include an allowance for the replacement of a lawn mower and two business machines for the High School and new shades in various classrooms.

## **LUNCH PROGRAM**

The hot lunch program includes the High School cafeteria, the East Fairhaven cafeteria and, since December 5, the Oxford cafeteria. About 1,000 hot plates are served daily in this part of the program and about 350 half pints of milk daily in the Anthony, Rogers and Tripp schools. There can be very little extra cost to parents of children who participate in this program when we consider that milk is sold at less than cost, income from cafeteria sales is roughly equivalent to the cost of food, government reimbursement balances the labor, and the town carries the overhead.

All money received is deposited in the Town Treasurer's Account and is paid out on orders of the School Committee. Receipts for 1955 were as follows:

Milk and Cafeteria Sales	\$39,744.45
State and Federal Reimbursement	15,429.93
Mothers' Club Tag Day	249.93

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Total Cash Income	\$55,424.31
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In addition to the cash assistance from state and federal funds we receive "surplus commodities" including butter, peanut butter, honey, orange juice, rice, beans, cheese, meat and shortening. Items and quantities vary with the condition of the market. With fluctuation in costs, in sales, and in available surplus goods, the successful operation of the cafeterias is a considerable responsibility.

### GENERAL CONTROL

The budget item of General Control includes the superintendent's salary and all expenses of his office. The average per pupil expenditure for this item throughout the state for the last school year was \$8.41, in towns of over 5,000 it was \$7.51 and in Fairhaven \$5.08. It is reasonable to suspect that you cannot have the proper management here for a third less than the average expenditure elsewhere.

There are many responsibilities which could and should be delegated to others under the supervision of the superintendent. Help is needed particularly in accounting, purchasing, business administration and supervision of buildings. Neighboring towns are attempting to solve the same problem in various ways. Dartmouth, North Attleboro, and Foxboro have elementary supervisors, Middleboro and Barnstable assistant superintendents, Falmouth a director of curriculums, and Plymouth an administrative assistant. Some provision should be made to permit the superintendent to make better use of his time.

### CONCLUSION

I am including herewith the reports of the High School Principal and the School Nurse and a number of statistical reports which will be of interest to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

FLAVEL M. GIFFORD,

Superintendent of Schools

# Report of the High School Principal

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

I present my eighteenth annual report as Principal of the Fairhaven High School.

## CLASS OF 1955

In June 1955, Mrs. Edith M. Moore presented diplomas to 132 seniors. The address to the graduates was given by Dr. Martin F. O'Connor, President of Framingham Teachers College. Awards were made as follows:

Class of 1954 Award and Reader's Digest Award to Patricia Higgins.

Key Club Scholarship to F. Eugene Rose.

F. H. S. Alumni Scholarships to Judith Taylor and Patricia Govoni.

Teachers Association Scholarships to Judith Taylor and Virginia Kowal.

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship to Donald Brennan.

Fairhaven Mothers Club Scholarships to William Whitehead and Carole Hobson.

Mattapoisett Womans Club Scholarships to Margaret Montgomery and Joan Ellis.

Mattapoisett Parent-Teachers Club Scholarship to Margaret Montgomery.

East Fairhaven P-T-A Scholarship to Thomas Howes.

D. A. R. Good Citizenship Award to Dorothy Govoni.

The Lady Fairhaven Citizenship Award to Dorothy Govoni.

Anna B. Trowbridge Scholarship to Dorothy Govoni.

New Bedford College Club Scholarship to Arnett Jenkins.

Bausch and Lomb Science Medal to Peter Lagasse.

The Lady Fairhaven Cup to Dorothy Govoni and James Hubbard.

Polish Woman's Business and Professional Club Scholarship to Virginia Kowal.

Of the 132 graduates 57 are continuing their education, 28 of them in four-year colleges. Graduates with good marks in the Business Course were in demand and were placed in good positions with excellent starting salaries.

### **GUIDANCE**

The importance of educational and vocational guidance is recognized more each year. Mrs. Doris D. Bruce is well equipped to perform the duties of her office as Guidance Director and carries on a program more extensive and varied than most people realize. For a school as large as ours she should have additional help. It is because of her resourcefulness and her willingness to work long hours that so much is being done in this department. She is assisted in grade eight by Miss Elsie N. Peltz who is voluntarily carrying out an excellent program of group guidance.

### **STUDENT EXCHANGE**

Under the American Field Service program we were able to have Harry M. Jonckheere from Belgium as a member of the Class of 1955. We now have Margrit Pierard from Luxembourg and Antonangelo Pinna from Italy as members of the Class of 1956. Last summer two of our students lived with European families. Katherine Mahoney was in Italy and David Brenneke was in Germany. These experiences in international friendship should foster understanding and goodwill on both sides of the Atlantic.

### **LIBRARY**

In days of hurry, activity, and television the art of reading is likely to be neglected, yet education depends in large measure upon books as sources of information and inspiration. We have tried to encourage reading by making the school library attractive. The Librarian has selected books that are useful and appealing to young readers and has displayed them so effectively that our circulation for December 1955 was almost double that of December 1954.

### **EVALUATION**

The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, an organization in which most of the Massachusetts High Schools have membership, is under-



taking to set up a kind of certification of member schools and colleges such as is provided by the regional associations in other parts of the country. The program calls for an extensive self-evaluation of the school by the faculty followed by a checking of their findings by a visiting committee composed of teachers, supervisors, and administrators from other sections. Such programs can be stimulating and beneficial and are recommended by our own State Department of Education. We should look forward to conducting such a program here within the next few years. The Principal of the Fairhaven High School is a member of the State Committee on Evaluation of High Schools.

### **MATHEMATICS**

The importance of mathematics in the modern world is well known. We are trying to strengthen our teaching of this subject to college preparatory students by using modern tests and by following the suggestions of the colleges as to content and emphasis. At the same time we are trying to provide additional mathematics suitable for students who do not plan to attend college.

### **STATE DEPARTMENT VISITOR**

In November, Mr. John J. Millane, Senior Supervisor of Secondary Education, spent a day at Fairhaven High School visiting classes, talking with the staff and observing the school in action. He addressed the teachers in a regular faculty meeting in the afternoon, and expressed approval of what he had seen here.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

The usual athletic activities have been carried on during the year. One evening in April, the girls gave a demonstration of the work done in their classes in physical education. Parents who attended were so much interested that we plan to have a similar program this year. It is difficult to carry on a good program of physical education with oversized classes. We have already made physical education elective in the senior year but our small gym is crowded with our largest classes.

### **CROWDING**

Many of our problems this year are associated with crowded conditions in our building. On October 1 our

enrollment was 809. The large Eighth Grade made it necessary to provide them with an additional room. This made it difficult to find enough rooms for high school classes. Students are seated at tables and in arm chairs because there are too few desks and too little room for additional desks if we had them. Rooms are filled beyond their normal capacity and classes are large. This means that teachers are working under extra strain throughout the school day and are carrying home paper work that will keep them busy all the evening. These are not good working conditions. A tired, tense, over-worked teacher is not the good teacher she might be if she had time to read, relax, and think how to make the next day's work interesting and effective. Without more rooms for next fall and with the prospect of even larger enrollment the outlook for next year is discouraging. Professional pride will drive our best teachers to redouble efforts but we cannot expect the best results under continued strain and pressure. Meanwhile Fairhaven young people must compete in college boards, in college classes, and in the work-a-day world with young people from communities that provide adequate school facilities and excellent learning conditions.

### CONCLUSION

For all that the Superintendent and the School Committee have done to support and encourage us in our work we are grateful and we ask for continued interest in our endeavors. Teachers are but human and they need expressions of interest and appreciation if they are to perform at their best. Teachers need to feel that the community as a whole has confidence in their integrity and competence. If we are to hold and secure good teachers and encourage young people to prepare for teaching as a life work, we must provide higher pay, to be sure, but we must also give the teacher the prestige that ought to be associated with the professional group to which we entrust our most precious possessions, our children.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER M. DOWNING,

Principal

# Report of the School Nurse and Supervisor of Attendance

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

I present herewith my thirteenth annual report as school nurse.

The nurse cooperates with teachers, doctors, dentists, and parents in protecting the health of school children. Each school is visited once a week and more often as necessary.

There have been the usual eye and ear examination during the school year. Diphtheria immunization was given under the auspices of the Board of Health. The nurse has also assisted in cases referred to the Bristol County Mental Health Clinic.

A record is kept of all accidents in school and out serious enough to cause absence from school or require medical attention. Twenty-one such cases were reported in 1954 and thirty during 1955.

The schools cooperated with the Board of Health in giving the first Salk Polio Vaccine to first and second grade children. Clinics were held in the Town Hall, East Fairhaven School, and Oxford School.

Attendance cases are rare that do not involve health. There were more cases of truancy in 1955 than in 1954.

## SUMMARY OF NURSES WORK

Classroom Visits	1102
Follow up Visits	93
Office Calls	36
Referred to School Physician	14
Accidents in School	30
Children taken Home	157
Physically Handicapped Children	26
Home Visits to Above	12



Toxin Clinic	493
Salk Vaccine Clinic	385
Mass. Vision Tests	818
Assisted School Physician with Examinations	677

The nurse cooperates with the Board of Health Dental Clinic by making arrangements for pupils to go to the clinic held at the Tripp School every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Dr. Normand Gamache is the dentist and Mrs. Catherine Govoni his assistant.

### SUMMARY OF DENTAL WORK

Fillings	414
Extractions	156
Cleanings	21
Examinations	41

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE F. DENNIS, R. N.,

School Nurse

# Financial Statement

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES AND 1956 BUDGET

ITEMS	Expended 1954	Expended 1955	Budget 1956
GENERAL CONTROL			
Salaries and Expenses .....	\$10,317.21	\$10,967.03	\$13,270.00
INSTRUCTION			
Teachers .....	316,460.97	327,699.64	353,800.00
Textbooks .....	6,861.17	7,804.60	9,560.00
Supplies .....	10,580.62	10,616.96	13,100.00
OPERATION			
Janitors .....	32,691.98	32,641.71	35,300.00
Fuel .....	12,838.43	14,849.90	14,400.00
Other Expense .....	10,720.40	10,571.66	11,000.00
MAINTENANCE			
Repairs and Replacement .....	14,699.39	14,875.12	16,085.00
OUTLAY			
Buildings and Grounds .....	603.74	98.06	2,000.00
New Equipment .....	1,746.70	1,125.29	2,100.00
OTHER AGENCIES			
Transportation .....	22,006.93	23,706.16	26,600.00
Tuition .....	1,471.94	1,516.87	2,200.00
Health .....	3,501.93	3,896.69	4,350.00
Physical Education .....	1,000.04	1,001.58	1,015.00
Lunchrooms .....	2,415.60	4,190.08	2,900.00
Driver Education .....	952.84	966.79	1,770.00
Sundries .....	963.52	1,089.97	1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE .....	\$449,833.41	\$467,618.11	\$510,650.00
APPROPRIATION .....	433,157.00	444,149.00	488,707.00
Does not include Dog Fund			
FROM OTHER INCOME .....	16,676.41	23,469.11	21,943.00

## RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS

### EXPENDABLE INCOME

High School Trust Funds .....	\$14,085.23	\$14,896.93	\$14,500.00
Elementary Trust Funds .....	4,251.62	5,156.61	4,450.00
Balance from Previous Year .....	.50	2,757.15	1,192.08
Bristol County Dog Fund .....	1,961.21	1,850.50	1,800.92
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TOTAL .....	\$20,298.56	\$24,661.19	\$21,943.00

### OTHER INCOME (Not Expendable)

School Aid, Ch. 70 .....	\$91,464.98	\$97,179.98	\$102,900.00
Special Education, Ch. 70. ....	—	4,248.68	4,250.00
Transportation, Ch. 71 .....	6,283.85	7,846.79	8,850.00
Tuition .....	23,530.92	23,204.65	27,000.00
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TOTAL .....	\$121,279.75	\$132,480.10	\$143,000.00

## MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

School Year Ending June 1955

SCHOOL	Grades	Principal	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardiness
High School	9-12	Chester M. Downing	600	566	529	93.44	515
H.S. Addition	8	Chester M. Downing	160	154	145	94.74	78
Rogers	1-7	Ruth B. Wilbur	313	291	272	93.40	109
Oxford	1-7	Harry Rogers	375	350	329	94.05	164
Anthony	1-7	Mary S. Toledo	180	163	154	94.22	59
Tripp	1-7	Elizabeth I. Hastings	238	217	200	92.17	133
E. Fairhaven	1-7	Helen R. Porter	396	362	329	90.80	143
Total	1-12		2262	2103	1958	93.11	1201

## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

December 1955

School	Andrade	Cozy Cab	U.St.Ry.	Other	Total
High School	9	57	64	—	130
H. S. Addition	4	20	25	—	49
Tripp	15	—	5	—	20
E. Fairhaven	263	—	—	1	264
Oxford	—	1	5	—	6
N. B. Voc. H. S.	—	5	28	—	33
N. B. Sight Saving	—	—	1	1	2
N. B. Continuation	—	1	5	—	6
Bristol Co. Agric.	—	—	1	—	1
St. Joseph	25	100	33	—	158
Parochial H. S.	—	4	22	—	26
Sol-e-Mar	—	—	—	1	1
Fall River Clinic	—	—	—	1	1
Total	316	188	189	4	697

## ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL AND GRADE

October 1, 1955

School	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Sp.	Tot.
Oxford	46	50	61	50	37	35	54	—	12	345
Anthony	27	21	28	27	24	23	26	—	—	176
Tripp	33	29	37	39	31	38	35	—	—	242
Rogers	37	44	54	46	35	35	36	—	—	287
E. Fairhaven	56	42	70	52	51	48	49	—	—	368
H. S. Add'n.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	172	—	172
Total Elem.	199	186	250	214	178	179	200	172	12	1590
High School IX 188; X 164; XI 146; XII 135; P. G. 4										637
Total Enrollment										2227

## SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENT

October	Elementary	High School	Total
1935	1631	606	2237
1936	1589	648	2237
1937	1423	670	2093
1938	1431	709	2130
1939	1326	702	2028
1940	1267	690	1957
1941	1237	613	1850
1942	1172	506	1678
1943	1113	460	1573
1944	1134	482	1616
1945	1157	495	1652
1946	1190	507	1697
1947	1172	552	1724
1948	1284	506	1790
1949	1355	562	1917
1950	1385	565	1950
1951	1393	548	1941
1952	1439	551	1990
1953	1537	578	2115
1954	1533	587	2120
1955	1590	637	2227

# AGE AND GRADE TABLE

October 1, 1955

Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PG	Sp.	Total
5	63														63
6	122	49													171
7	13	111	60												184
8	1	21	148	78											248
9		4	32	100	32										168
10		1	8	24	102	35								2	172
11			1	6	37	103	34	1						1	183
12			1	5	5	27	115	49	1					4	207
13				1	2	9	28	88	58	1				5	192
14						4	21	21	96	36					178
15						1	2	12	26	94	35				170
16								1	5	25	91	29			151
17									2	7	18	87	1		115
18										1	2	16			19
19												1			1
20												1			1
O. 21												1	3		4
Tot.	199	186	250	214	178	179	200	172	188	164	146	135	4	12	2227
Boys	107	96	128	107	95	91	97	89	89	69	57	65	4	9	1103
Girls	92	90	122	107	83	88	103	83	99	95	89	70	—	3	1124

## SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Children may enter the first grade if they are five years and six months of age on or before September 1 of the current school year. Consequently children will be admitted to the first grade in September 1956 if born on or before March 1, 1951. Certificates of birth and vaccination are required at the time of entrance.

## COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE

All children must attend school between the ages of seven and sixteen. Certain exceptions may be made by written permission of the Superintendent of Schools for children who have reached the age of fourteen and have completed the sixth grade.

## EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS

Employment permits, sometimes called "School Cards," are required for all persons under twenty-one who are employed in manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile, and certain other work. These may be obtained at the office of the Superintendent of Schools. The minor must appear in person and present a birth certificate or other suitable evidence of age.

## REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1955

Age Group	5-7	7-16	Illiterate 16-21	Total
Boys	259	1089	—	1348
Girls	269	1068	—	1337
Total	528	2157	—	2685
Distribution:				
In Public Schools	238	1665	—	1903
In Private Schools	142	458	—	600
In Vocational Schools	—	13	—	13
Continuation Schools	—	5	—	5
Institutions	—	3	—	3
Not in School	148	13	—	161
Total	528	2157	—	2685



# Teachers, Custodians and Lunchroom Employees

December 1955

## HIGH SCHOOL

Began	Name	College
1937	Chester M. Downing, Ph.B., M.Ed. Principal	Brown Univ. Harvard
1929	Walter D. Wood, A.B., M.A. Asst. Principal	Clark Univ.
1945	Doris D. Bruce, B.S. Dean of Girls and Director of Guidance	Bridgewater Boston Univ.
1946	Raymond G. Boyce, B.S., M.Ed.	Fitchburg
1955	Diana M. Cabral, B.S.	Salem
1939	Alexander M. Clement, B.S., M.Ed.	North Adams Hyannis
1950	George M. Cook, A.B., M.Ed.	Univ. of N. H.
1934	Edith R. Cromie, B.S.	Univ. of Vt.
1938	Earl J. Dias, A.B., M.A.	Bates
1933	Edith K. Dias, A.B.	Brown Univ.
1939	Grace L. Downing, B.S.	Burdett Nasson
1939	Melvin Entin, B.S.	R. I. State
1950	Margaret C. Howland, A.B.	Wheaton
1928	Mabel G. Hoyle, A.B., M.A.	Tufts Boston Univ.
1952	Vivian M. Kellick, A.B.	Smith College
1928	Robert C. Lawton, B.S., M.Ed.	Northeastern Univ. Boston Univ.
1955	Edith M. Moore, A.B.	Wheaton
1953	Jeanette M. Mulvey	Bridgewater
1929	Marie R. Noyer, B.S.	Salem
1949	Phillips A. Noyes, A.B., M.Ed.	Dartmouth Harvard Grenoble, France
1919	James Parkinson	Boston Sloyd
1953	Avis M. Pillsbury, Ph.B.	Brown Univ.
1952	Ruth S. Robinson, B.S.	Salem
1955	Elizabeth R. Skolfield, B.S.	Tufts

<b>Began</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>College</b>
1955	Charles G. Smith, A.B., B.F.A., M.M.	Harvard Univ. Univ. of N. M. N. E. Conservatory
1953	Beatrice M. Spence, B.S., M.S.	Middlebury Columbia Univ.
1952	Cuthbert W. Tunstall	Fitchburg
1952	Therese J. Vanasse, B.S. Leave of Absence	Salem
1942	Evelyn L. Martin, Clerk	

#### **HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION (Grade 8)**

1937	Chester M. Downing, Ph.B., M.Ed.	Brown Univ. Harvard Univ.
1954	Eugene M. Grace, B.A.	Univ. of Mass.
1946	Elsie N. Peltz, B.S., Ed.M.	Bridgewater Tufts
1948	Hazel B. Raymond	Salem
1947	Ellen E. Rex, B.S.	Boston Univ.
1954	Edward F. Trainor, A.B.	Boston Univ.
1946	Cecelia M. Urquiola	Antioch

#### **ROGERS SCHOOL**

1945	Ruth B. Wilbur Principal	Bridgewater
1945	Pearl E. Wilbor Asst. Principal	Plymouth, N. H.
1953	Mary Carr	
1954	Donald J. Dufour, B.A.	Assumption
1948	Evlyne B. Greenfield	North Adams
1923	Mildred R. Hall	Lyndon Center, Vt.
1948	Leah B. Howland	Fredericton, N. B.
1952	Marianne A. Kennedy, B.A., M.Ed.	Univ. of Akron Boston Univ.
1954	Margaret A. Manghan, B.S., M.Ed.	Bridgewater
1925	Helen L. Newton	Bridgewater

#### **EAST FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL**

1941	Helen R. Porter Principal	Hyannis
1947	May K. Bennett Asst. Principal	Temple Univ.
1955	Nella B. Bangs	Brattleboro Training
1955	Mary P. Brennan, B.S.	Fitchburg

<b>Began</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>College</b>
1953	Robert F. Couture, A.B., M.Ed.	Providence Bridgewater
1952	Christina C. Marques	Hyannis
1953	Katherine A. McKnight, A.B.	Regis
1954	Elizabeth B. Morrill	Westfield
1954	Hazel S. F. Mendes	Bridgewater
1946	Josephine A. Perry	Bridgewater
1937	Anne Surinski, B.S.	Bridgewater
1947	Hazel W. Thompson	Bridgewater
1955	Winifred I. Wertz	Hyannis
1946	Grace Willoughby	Hyannis

#### **TRIPP SCHOOL**

1921	Elizabeth I. Hastings, B.S., M.S. Principal	Boston Univ.
1941	Dorothy B. Rogers Asst. Principal	Framingham
1954	Myra A. Lopes, B.S.	Bridgewater
1923	Edith A. M'Namara	Framingham
1953	Mercia C. Pike, B.S.	Bridgewater
1947	Edythe Rankin	McGill Univ.
1945	Cleanthy Rogers, B.S.	Framingham
1922	Mildred E. Webb	Bridgewater

#### **EDMUND ANTHONY, JR. SCHOOL**

1932	Mary S. Toledo, B.S., M.Ed. Principal	Framingham Bridgewater
1955	Elizabeth Acheson, B.A.	Univ. of Mass.
1954	Barbara A. Barba, B.S. Leave of Absence	Framingham
1955	G. Ralph Desjardins, B.S.	Bridgewater
1955	Priscilla Doran, B.S.	Framingham
1955	Justina S. Ferreira, B.A.	Boston Univ.
1943	Alice R. MacKenzie	Framingham
1946	Norah C. Mahoney, B.S.	Bridgewater
1955	Elaine F. Pollard, B.A.	St. Mary

#### **OXFORD SCHOOL**

1942	Harry Rogers, A.B. Principal	Clark Univ.
1944	Eleanor C. Washburn, B.S. Asst. Principal	Bridgewater
1952	Patricia A. Auger, B.S.	Salem
1927	Ann O'D. Brow	Bridgewater

<b>Began</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>College</b>
1949	Harriett A. Caddell	
1948	Irma V. Darwin	Bridgewater
1954	Alice D. Gibbs, B.S.	Univ. of N. H.
1922	Caroline R. Gilmore, B.S.	Bridgewater
1953	Barbara L. Hooper, B.S.	Salem
1952	Martha N. Noyes	Boston Univ.
1955	Edwin J. Oliveira, B.S., Ed.M.	Boston Univ.
1954	Dorothy F. O'Neill, B.S.	Bridgewater
1948	Dora C. Pope	Worcester
1951	Mary T. Sullivan, B.S.	Westfield

### **SUPERVISORS AND SPECIAL TEACHERS**

1944	Marguerite A. Johnson Supervisor of Vocal Music	N. E. Conservatory
1921	Elizabeth I. Hastings, B.S., M.S. Supervisor of Instrumental Music	Boston University
1953	Alipio C. Bartholo Instrumental Music	
1953	Anne Gonsalves Instrumental Music	
1953	Blanche T. Moreau Instrumental Music	
1954	Wilma E. Baker Supervisor of Art	Vesper George
1939	Melvin Entin, B.S. Director of Phys. Ed.	R. I. State
1939	Alexander M. Clement, B.S., M.Ed. Asst. Dir. of Phys. Educ.	North Adams Hyanis
1952	Anne F. Hayes, B.S.	Bridgewater
1955	Donald N. Gavin, B.S.	R. I. State
1943	Louise F. Dennie, R. N. School Nurse and Supervisor of Attendance	

### **CUSTODIANS AND ENGINEERS**

<b>Began</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
1938	William T. Wood, Engineer	High School
1944	James J. Hanlon, Steam Fireman	High School
1952	Leonard Roderick, Senior Custodian	High School
1946	Samuel J. Gillespie, Junior Custodian	High School
1942	Richard H. Jenney, Junior Custodian	High School
1951	Lester C. Pierce, Junior Custodian	High School
1950	William V. Dean, Senior Custodian	Rogers

<b>Began</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
1947	Walter Marsh, Junior Custodian	Anthony
1950	Leland S. Rose, Senior Custodian	E. Fairhaven
1936	Edward Richard, Senior Custodian	Oxford
1947	James B. Hughes, Junior Custodian	Tripp
1953	Mary B. Jura, Janitress	Oxford
1955	Mary M. Romero, Janitress	E. Fairhaven

#### **MAINTENANCE MEN**

1952	Lawrence V. Robinson Building Maintenance Foreman
1951	George H. Tripp, Building Maintenance Craftsman
1954	Maurice L. Stevens, Building Maintenance Craftsman

#### **LUNCHROOM EMPLOYEES**

1946	Sara B. Nietupski, Manager	All Lunchrooms
1951	Ethel E. Dobson, Cook and Asst. Mgr.	High School
1953	Vida G. Greene, Cook and Asst. Mgr.	E. Fairhaven
1953	Grace Foley, Cook and Asst. Mgr.	Oxford
1948	Hattie W. Chace, Asst. Cook	High School
1948	Mary L. Morang, Asst. Cook	High School
1953	Maude Grindrod, Helper	High School
1952	Leola M. Shurtleff, Helper	E. Fairhaven
1953	Doris C. Hadfield, Helper	E. Fairhaven
1955	Anita P. Rose, Helper	E. Fairhaven
1952	Mabel Casey, Helper	Oxford
1955	Rosamond D. Camara, Substitute	High School
1955	Elsie Aiken, Substitute	High School
1955	Marilda Briggs, Substitute	High School
1955	Marie C. Travers, Substitute	High School
1955	Ida G. Francis, Substitute (part-time)	Oxford
1955	Beatrice Vieira, Cashier (part-time)	High School
1955	Dorothy L. Dreher, Cashier (part-time)	High School
1955	Christine M. Hodgson, Cashier (part-time)	E. Fairhaven
1955	Aniela Kucharsky, Cashier (part-time)	Oxford

# Itemized Expenditures

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### GENERAL CONTROL

Flavel M. Gifford, Superintendent	\$5,940.00
Flavel M. Gifford, Travel Expense	292.40
Beatrice M. DeCoffe, Secretary	2,375.50
Grace M. Battistelli, Clerk	1,704.81
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	250.46
Smith Office Equipment Co.	139.28
The A. E. Coffin Press	75.00
Mass. Assoc. of School Committees	50.00
Payments under \$50.00	139.58
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	\$10,967.03

### TEACHERS

Ruth B. Wilbur	\$4,150.00
Mary Carr	2,800.00
Donald J. Dufour	2,950.00
Evlyne B. Greenfield	3,279.74
Helen L. Newton	3,850.00
Leah B. Howland	3,600.00
Marianne A. Kennedy	2,992.44
Margaret A. Manghan	3,450.00
Pearl E. Wilbor	3,825.00
Mildred R. Hall	3,750.00
Helen R. Porter	4,350.00
Robert F. Couture	3,150.00
May K. Bennett	3,600.00
Mary P. Brennan	1,033.33
Hazel W. Thompson	3,750.00
Katherine A. McKnight	3,119.17
Hazel S. F. Mendes	3,250.00
Elizabeth B. Morrill	3,233.54
Anne Surinski	3,750.00
Winifred I. Wertz	1,650.00
Josephine A. Perry	3,750.00
Nella B. Bangs	950.00
Christina C. Marques	3,333.33
Grace Willoughby	3,804.00

Elizabeth I. Hastings	4,350.00
Edith A. M'Namara	3,750.00
Edythe Rankin	3,400.00
Cleanthy Rogers	3,750.00
Mercia C. Pike	3,690.60
Dorothy B. Rogers	3,875.00
Myra A. Lopes	2,785.37
Mildred E. Webb	3,750.00
Mary S. Toledo	4,250.00
Elizabeth Acheson	933.33
Justina S. Ferreira	933.33
G. Ralph Desjardins	973.33
Norah C. Mahoney	3,750.00
Elaine F. Pollard	933.33
Alice P. MacKenzie	3,750.00
Priscilla Doran	1,000.00
Harry Rogers	4,350.00
Patricia A. Auguer	3,000.00
Edwin J. Oliveira	1,000.00
Caroline R. Gilmore	3,750.00
Dora C. Pope	3,600.00
Mary T. Sullivan	3,300.00
Irma V. Darwin	3,295.83
Dorothy F. O'Neill	2,885.34
Martha M. Noyes	3,286.92
Barbara L. Hooper	2,856.11
Alice D. Gibbs	3,050.00
Harriett A. Caddell	3,098.10
Eleanor C. Washburn	3,900.00
Ann O'D. Brow	3,975.00
Chester M. Downing	1,180.00
Elsie N. Peltz	3,700.00
Ellen E. Rex	3,750.00
Edward F. Trainor	1,033.33
Eugene M. Grace	2,835.63
Hazel B. Raymond	3,731.03
Cecilia M. Urquiola	3,750.00
Marguerite A. Johnson	2,430.00
Wilma E. Baker	650.00
Anne F. Hayes	1,550.00
Donald N. Gavin	1,237.41
Cuthbert W. Tunstall	1,379.88
Beatrice M. Spence	1,133.33
Anne A. Gonsalves	185.00
Blanche T. Moreau	354.00



Olive L. Brown	70.00
Mildred Calef	590.00
Miriam F. Knox	55.00
Priscilla P. Hiller	760.00
Helenrae W. Browning	220.00
Katherine Sherman	100.00
Charlotte B. Spooner	515.00
Mabel O. Dutton	235.00
Jean Vander Zee	95.00
Christine Hodgson	2,016.67
Patricia E. Murray	1,966.67
Florence W. Lincoln	1,370.00
Joan M. Halligan	1,866.67
Carlos R. Ventura	1,866.67
Barbara P. Barba	1,885.38
Jean E. Briggs	1,943.98
Francis R. Lussier	1,966.67
Elizabeth L. Mandell	1,052.30
Edward J. McDermott	2,414.62
Joan C. Nelson	1,120.00
Payments under \$50.00	240.00
Evelyn L. Martin, Clerk	430.00

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\$220,271.63

#### TEXTBOOKS

Silver Burdett Co.	\$1,697.28
Charles Scribner's Sons	99.82
L. W. Singer Co.	85.39
D. C. Heath & Co.	113.02
Harcourt Brace & Co.	105.68
American Book Co.	984.64
Ginn & Co.	684.59
World Book Co.	116.63
Scott, Foresman & Co.	640.69
Follett Publishing Co.	50.65
F. J. Barnard Co.	98.82
Rand McNally Co.	169.15
Payments under \$50.00	4.95

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\$4,851.31

#### SUPPLIES

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$1,040.03
Ginn & Co.	205.34

Phillips Paper Co.	191.01
Mainco Trading Co.	892.61
American Education Publications	304.85
Scott, Foresman & Co.	293.54
Silver Burdett Co.	249.75
News Map of the Week	98.75
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	370.58
American Book Co.	289.54
Robert A. Wilcox Co.	977.07
Milton Bradley Co.	72.20
A. J. Nystrom Co.	63.09
Payments under \$50.00	167.58
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	\$5,215.94

#### JANITORS

William V. Dean	\$2,714.22
James B. Hughes	2,716.02
Leland S. Rose	2,800.00
Walter Marsh	2,700.00
Edward Richard	2,805.40
Samuel Gillespie	2,709.80
Mary M. Romero	520.00
Mary B. Jura	916.00
Aldea Lussier	68.00
Bessie M. Gatie	256.00
Payments under \$50.00	100.00
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	\$18,305.44

#### FUEL

Stanley Oil Co.	\$873.81
Pacific Coal & Lumber Co.	897.29
David Duff & Co.	5,895.43
Hathaway Braley Wharf Co.	2,721.27
Payments under \$50.00	5.00
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	\$10,392.80

#### MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$816.64
Ryan & Scully, Inc.	239.24
N. B. Gas & Ed. Lt. Co.	3,610.48
Brulin & Co.	777.30

Stone & Forsythe Co.	96.59
Anderson & Olsen, Inc.	63.88
Lawrence B. Maxfield	59.40
Fairhaven Water Co.	859.13
Payments under \$50.00	172.86
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	\$6,695.52

#### REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

Edwin E. Peirce	\$51.30
Lyman & Baker	709.84
Lawrence B. Maxfield	572.19
Oxford Hardware, Inc.	487.74
J. A. Demanche & Son	162.56
Lemieux Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	57.50
Taylor's Sheet Metal Shop	145.00
James H. Beswick	71.45
John J. Gobell Co.	222.44
Days' Electric	154.88
C. F. Delano, Inc.	255.53
Brulin & Co.	437.50
Acushnet Saw Mills Co.	102.70
Frank's Tydol Service Station	128.48
Building Materials, Inc.	145.28
Babbitt Steam Specialty Co.	75.26
James Henshaw	65.63
Wing's	72.05
Payments under \$50.00	715.59
Lawrence V. Robinson	2,191.94
George H. Tripp	1,812.34
Maurice L. Stevens	1,812.34
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	\$10,449.54

#### OUTLAY — NEW EQUIPMENT

Dahill Co.	\$191.10
Armand A. Guilmette	85.80
Bradbury-Waring, Inc.	61.10
Bowen's Furniture Store	87.50
Payments under \$50.00	43.90
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	\$469.40

## OUTLAY — BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Stevens Brothers	\$68.95
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## TRANSPORTATION

Union St. Railway Co.	\$2,348.83
Joseph G. Andrade	11,106.53
Cozy Cab & Bus Co.	3,054.27
Robert P. King	58.60
Benjamin Oliver	66.50
Belmira Medeiros	348.70
	\$17,019.43

## HEALTH

Charles E. P. Thompson, M. D.	\$642.00
Louise F. Dennie, R. N.	2,025.53
Payments under \$50.00	55.58
	\$2,723.11

## TUITION

City of New Bedford	\$1,370.07
City of Boston	35.55
	\$1,405.62

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Smith's Athletic Store	\$146.35
Payments under \$50.00	4.80
	\$151.15

## SUNDRIES

Ideal Pictures	\$66.32
Commissioner of Public Safety	116.00
Encyclopaedia Britannica Films	62.72
H. H. P. Whittemore & Co.	96.46
Fairhaven Boys' Club	54.00
Payments under \$50.00	213.99
	\$609.49

# LUNCHROOM

Sara B. Nietupski	\$1,363.00
Colonial Restaurant and Store Equipment Co.	530.38
H. A. Johnson Co.	236.37
Luzo Grocery Co., Inc.	239.97
John Sexton & Co.	58.14
Braley's Creamery, Inc.	308.59
Payments under \$50.00	116.63

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\$2,853.08

TOTAL (Elementary Schools)	\$312,449.44
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# High School

## TEACHERS

Chester M. Downing	\$4,720.00
Walter D. Wood	4,850.00
Raymond G. Boyce	3,950.00
Doris D. Bruce	3,956.00
Diana M. Cabral	983.33
Alexander M. Clement	4,680.00
George M. Cook	3,900.00
Edith R. Cromie	3,750.00
Earl J. Dias	4,216.67
Edith G. Dias	3,749.99
Grace L. Downing	3,750.00
Melvin Entin	4,850.00
Margaret C. Howland	3,500.00
Mabel G. Hoyle	4,150.00
Vivian M. Kellick	3,350.00
Robert C. Lawton	4,150.00
Edith M. Moore	1,000.00
Jeanette M. Mulvey	1,562.50
Marie R. Noyer	3,560.97
Phillips A. Noyes	4,013.49
James Parkinson	4,150.00
Avis M. Pillsbury	3,400.00
Ruth S. Robinson	3,300.00
Charles G. Smith	1,000.00
Beatrice M. Spence	2,266.67
Marguerite A. Johnson	1,620.00
Anne F. Hayes	1,550.00
Cuthbert W. Tunstall	2,764.86
Elizabeth I. Hastings	400.00
Wilma E. Baker	1,228.21
Alipio C. Bartholo	602.00
Irene Setteducati	220.00
Helenrae W. Browning	150.00
Flora L. Cobb	130.00
Elizabeth R. Skolfield	1,230.77
Albert Aurrechia	1,364.10
Elsie-Lee McCarthy	2,300.00
Donald K. Marvin	2,366.65

Bradford I. Pierce	2,084.37
Abel Fidalgo	70.00
Donald E. Sisson	110.00
Therese Vanasse	547.43
Payments under \$50.00	210.00
Evelyn L. Martin, Clerk	1,720.00
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	\$107,428.01

### TEXTBOOKS

Silver Burdett Co.	\$148.06
Harcourt, Brace & Co.	58.80
L. W. Singer Co.	103.98
Charles Scribner's Sons	449.28
Scott, Foresman & Co.	115.06
Ginn & Co.	183.12
Southwestern Publishing Co.	167.30
Allyn & Bacon, Inc.	115.60
R. I. News Co.	103.67
Noble & Noble Publications, Inc.	100.73
McGraw Hill Book Co.	186.00
J. B. Lippincott Co.	153.17
Henry Holt & Co., Inc.	459.76
Houghton Mifflin Co.	54.35
D. C. Heath & Co.	344.44
Globe Book Co.	69.20
Payments under \$50.00	140.77
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	\$2,953.29

### SUPPLIES

Underwood Corp.	\$509.60
South-Western Publishing Co.	446.89
Gray's Typesetting Service	140.00
Bro-Dart Industries	50.20
Robert A. Wilcox Co., Inc.	241.74
E. W. Goodhue Lumber Co.	56.07
L. D. Flood Co.	160.00
Carter, Rice & Co.	207.51
Bayreuther's	99.15
American News Co.	79.36
Mainco Trading Co.	216.74
Gledhill Bros.	94.36
Phillips Paper Co.	228.85
H. M. Welch Mfg. Co.	82.37



J. L. Hammett Co.	553.86
Smith Office Equip. Co.	121.55
Smith Corona, Inc.	640.00
Royal Typewriter Co.	588.00
James Evans, Postmaster	56.53
Cambosco Scientific Co.	108.62
E. W. Goodhue Lumber Co.	62.47
Payments under \$50.00	657.15
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	\$5,401.02

#### JANITORS

William T. Wood	\$3,230.00
Leonard Roderick	2,890.31
Richard H. Jenney	2,700.23
James J. Hanlon	2,815.73
Lester C. Pierce	2,700.00
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	\$14,336.27

#### FUEL

Pacific Coal & Lumber Corp.	\$2,367.40
David Duff & Son	2,084.70
Payments under \$50.00	5.00
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	\$4,457.10

#### MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$500.54
N. B. Gas & Ed. Lt. Co.	2,317.84
Brulin & Co.	305.81
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	228.30
Fairhaven Water Co.	430.21
Payments under \$50.00	93.44
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	\$3,876.14

#### REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

Electric Service & Sales	\$66.42
C. F. Delano, Inc.	50.37
Babbitt Steam Specialty Co.	106.18
The Tremco Mfg. Co.	74.58
Oxford Hardware, Inc.	67.83

Armand A. Guilmette	56.18
General Plastering & Tile Co.	58.00
John J. Gobell Co.	85.93
Lawrence B. Maxfield	56.82
George J. Allen Co.	60.56
W. D. Mann Co.	52.50
J. A. Demanche & Son	86.34
Edward E. Cook	118.95
Toledo Scale Co.	61.89
Payments under \$50.00	458.74
Lawrence V. Robinson	1,137.77
George H. Tripp	887.66
Maurice L. Stevens	887.66
Florida Audette	51.20

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\$4,425.58

#### OUTLAY — BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Babbitt Steam Specialty Co.	\$29.11
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#### OUTLAY — NEW EQUIPMENT

Robert A. Wilcox	\$289.00
International Business Machines	295.00
Payments under \$50.00	71.89

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\$655.89

#### TRANSPORTATION

Union St. Railway Co.	\$4,154.43
Joseph G. Andrade	512.66
Cozy Cab & Bus Co.	1,763.17
Hobart Boswell, Jr.	56.00
Thomas Ellison	54.00
Harry Lampara	43.35
John A. Machado	47.12
Joaquim Faustino, Jr.	56.00

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\$6,686.73

#### HEALTH

Charles E. P. Thompson, M. D.	\$235.00
Louise F. Dennie, R. N.	916.67
Payments under \$50.00	21.91

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\$1,173.58

### TUITION

City of New Bedford, Evening School	\$111.25
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### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Marion Sports Shop	\$284.25
Smiths' Athletic Store	142.85
Athletes Accident Benefit Fund	285.50
Payments under \$50.00	137.83
	\$850.43

### DRIVER EDUCATION

Motor Sales Co.	\$159.53
James Henshaw	116.16
Raymond G. Boyce	654.10
Payments under \$50.00	37.00
	\$966.79

### SUNDRIES

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$161.16
Dr. Martin F. O'Connor	50.00
Payments under \$50.00	269.32
	\$480.48

### LUNCHROOM

Sara B. Nietupski	\$1,337.00
TOTAL (High School)	\$155,168.67
TOTAL (Elementary)	312,449.44
GRAND TOTAL	\$467,618.11



High School Marching Band







First and Second Grade Chorus — Oxford School



# FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC

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## I. VOCAL MUSIC

Vocal Music is taught in all grades of the elementary schools and is offered on an elective basis in the high school. It helps children develop socially, opens the door of opportunity to many, provides individual enjoyment, and improves the personality.

Vocal music begins in the first grade with simple rote songs, develops through the grades to include skill in the use of notation, skill in listening, and skill in the rendition of good music.

Singing for school assemblies, PTAs, and other programs is the natural outcome of children's training, interest, and ability. Some groups are formed in the separate elementary schools. There has been a large Eighth Grade Chorus this year as well as a more selective Eighth Grade Choir.

The High School groups become still more selective with a Girls' Glee Club, Girls' Trio, Male Quartette, High School Double Quartette, High School Choristers, and individual soloists.

The work is directed by the Supervisor of Vocal Music assisted by many teachers. The Parents' Music Club has helped considerably to make the music program successful.

Music throughout the Fairhaven Public Schools is providing experiences which are valuable to the children. The training of the present should continue to be beneficial to them in the future.

## II. INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

From its inception in 1921, Fairhaven School instrumental music has progressed slowly and steadily. Each elementary school now has a rhythm band and school orchestra. Most schools have little symphonies for those making transition from rhythm to regulation instruments. Once a month all elementary orchestral groups, number-



ing about one hundred this year, meet for a combined rehearsal at the Tripp School.

Lessons, paid for by the pupils, have been arranged for violin, viola, violoncello, string bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, trumpet, or cornet, horn, baritone, trombone, tuba, and percussion instruments. An instrumental loan fund assists pupils in the purchase of instruments.

Instrumentalists in Grades Eight and Nine enter Junior Band and Orchestra. They are then tested for membership in the Senior Groups. The High School Marching Band now numbers sixty. These groups participate in school and community functions.

Development of small ensembles is a vital part of successful school music. Several elementary groups are now practicing under supervision. In high school the small ensembles practice independently and frequently take part in community programs.

A summer music plan permits students to continue lessons and ensemble playing for six weeks during June and July. The Senior Band continues rehearsals during the entire summer and presents concerts in Cushman Park on Tuesday evenings during July and August.

Tribute should be paid to two service groups who have supported the school music program during the years. The American Legion, Fairhaven Post 166 has helped the High School Band through the purchase of instruments and uniforms, and has helped on band trips. The newly organized Music Parents Club has actively supported our projects with untiring effort and interest.

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Foot note:

Special thanks to the Standard-Times for both the vocal and instrumental group pictures which are used in this 1955 annual report and to Miss Elizabeth Hastings and Mrs. Marguerite Johnson for their untiring effort in getting the children together.

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High School Senior Orchestra



High School Girls' Glee Club



Elementary School Ensemble



# Town Clerk's Report

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955

Date	Name
Jan. 1	Joseph Paul Bettencourt
3	Joseph Enos Vargos
4	Peter Everett Jarosik
4	Michael Joseph Pond
7	William Christie Gomes
10	Steven Earl Tatro
10	Susan Ann Howarth
13	Eugene Anthony Manzone
15	Meredith Crandall Fassett
15	Patricia Eileen Page
15	James Martin
15	Becky Ann Daudelin
17	Steven Fernandes
26	Patricia Ann Horrocks
28	Ellin Barbara Stalker
30	Diane Marie Poirier
31	Debra Susan Hanson
Feb. 1	Steven Bruce Frysinger
1	Philip Robert Doucette
1	Donald Lucien Dubreuil
4	Susan Claire Morency
9	Glenn Monty Golub
13	Donna Marie Fafard
13	Denise Suzan Fafard
13	Daniel Bernard Bourbeau
14	Joanne Harrington
17	Nelson Michel Bessette
18	David Charles Wirth
19	Constance Ann Philpot
21	Constance Gail Filipek
21	Joyce Letton
22	Kim Lucy Hamer
24	Nancy Jane Arrowsmith
25	William James Reilly
28	Walter Charles Bonneau

# BIRTHS RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955—(Cont.)

Date	Name
Mar. 2	Blair Vincent Cambra
6	Dana John Pickup
6	Roberta Ann Snook
9	Joan Delia Smith
11	Hope Elizabeth Medeiros
11	Susan Marie Bisaillon
12	Michael Robert Horsley
12	Dianne Carol Cesolini
12	Michael Howard Picard
13	Jay Anthony DuPont
14	Earline Medeiros
14	Valerie Ann Golub
16	Steven Michael Brodeur
17	William Haydon Shurtleff
23	Claire Ann Dumas
28	Priscilla Anne Monk
April 4	Jon Mello
6	Catherine Fern Langevin
7	Cynthia Davies
11	Kathleen Anne Correia
16	Kathryn Ann McLeod
16	Debra Ann Lepore
18	Paul Chester Medeiros
19	Eugene Joseph Soja
21	Stephen Michael Makara
21	Doreen Anne Baker
22	Wayne Barlow
23	Mara Pienups
25	Dennis Ray Pauline
May 1	Sharon Olsen
6	Thomas Alan Foster
7	Jeffrey Alan Ring
7	William Paul Machado
8	Allen Edward Le Lesch
12	Susan Marie Peterson
14	David Paul Medeiros
16	Susan Lorraine Calheta
16	William Henry Isherwood
17	Albert Roderiques
17	Donna Marie Jenney

# BIRTHS RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955—(Cont.)

Date	Name
20	Richard Lee Wotton
21	Rhonda Lee Costa
25	Antonio Joaquin Silva
26	Kathi Ann Gonsalves
28	Donna Avis Rezendes
28	Doreen Martin
30	Kevin Scott Burns
30	Diane Lynn Nealy
June 3	Lynn Ann Ducharme
4	Patricia Elizabeth Pelland
4	Kathleen Mary Pelland
5	Robert Demanche
6	Marianne Tetrault
7	Cynthia Bissonnette
7	James Walter Rymaszewicz
7	Wayne Anthony Parker
10	Gale June Adcock
13	Joanne Cummings
13	Terry Ann Gonsalves
14	Carol Ann Clark
16	John Bernard Almeida
17	Patricia Ann McDermott
17	Catherine Louise Walton
21	Philip Cardoza
23	Robert Francis Larkin
24	Thomas Woodacre
27	Tracy Lee Rimmer
27	Donna Mercedes LaForest
29	David Carlton Gifford
July 1	RoxAnne Marie Jarvis
1	Jaime Wilson Oliveira Pereira
4	Carol Ann Renaud
6	Peter Maurice Coury
9	David Leo Dias
9	Mark Kenneth Teixeira
10	David Jason Viera
10	David Michael Casemiro
12	Valerie Jean Martin
16	David Christian Reinertz
17	Steven Edward Downey



# BIRTHS RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955—(Cont.)

Date	Name
	19 Melanie Ann Mello
	20 Wesley Alan Warrington
	21 Peter Wall Horsley
	22 Janice Witkowicz
	22 Karen Dlugosinski
	27 Michael Donald Langiano
Aug.	1 John Antone Botelho
	4 Deborah Rose Medeiros
	4 Katherine Gayle Jose
	4 Kathleen Frances Casey
	7 Glenn Thomas Mello
	8 Paul Stephen Silcox
	11 Robin Lee Ellis
	12 Karen Lee Amaral
	12 Marie Elizabeth Cyr
	15 Dianne Elizabeth Blanchette
	15 Debra Ann Pragana
	15 Kathleen Marie Pittsley
	20 Paul Brum Goulart
	22 Daniel Marc Pallatroni
	23 Christopher Magnus Sandve
	25 Jo-Ann Garcia
	29 George Machado Sylvia
	31 Peter Joseph D'Anjou
Sept.	2 Barbara Ann McCarthy
	5 David Peter Roy
	5 Joseph Michael Booth
	8 Jeannie Jon Sharples
	8 Joseph Mello
	12 Tracey Ann Tillett
	12 Barbara Ann Beadle
	13 Anna Pauline Dahl
	15 M. Anthony Caruso
	15 Marcia Lynn Marnik
	15 Sandra Perry
	16 William Hastie Wightman
	16 Lee Anne Schimmel
	17 Luanne Saunders
	19 Robert Lewis Beanland
	20 William Lionel Lacasse

# BIRTHS RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955—(Cont.)

Date	Name
	21 Frederick Earl Brown
	22 Alvin Joseph Reed
	23 Connie Sue Rogers
	27 Edward Joseph Crowley
	27 Michael John Agey
	28 Barry Charles Perry
	28 Andrew Jon Bobola
	29 Diane Elizabeth Rocha
	29 Scott Bentley Callahan
	30 Patricia Ann Frasier
Oct.	1 John Ambrose Furey
	1 Stillborn
	3 Timothy John Keary
	4 Harry Robert Spooner
	5 Anthony Joseph Couto
	6 Donna Lynn Businoski
	6 Michael Edward Donaghy
	10 Forrest Alvin Ferrill
	10 Timothy Paul Martin
	12 Diane Elaine Pate
	13 Baby Girl Sorensen
	14 Kerry Anna Selmyhr
	15 Steven Wayne Gauthier
	15 Stephen Cardoza
	16 Christine Marie Partington
	16 John Robert Ferreira
	17 Hans Davidsen
	17 Lorraine Antoinette Braga
	19 Melanie Sweet
	19 Marianne Barrows
	19 Regis Charton Spangler
	21 Keith James O'Malley
	22 Kathleen Marie Harrison
	26 Steven Wayne Taber
	26 Johanna Rothman
	28 Catherine Ann Blowers
	28 Pamela Shirley Neagley
	29 Deborah Lee Houle
	31 Stillborn
	31 Ronald Eric Simonsen

# BIRTHS RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955—(Cont.)

Date	Name
Nov. 2	David Wilbur Sibor
3	Patricia Ann Clement
7	Lynne Therese Faria
7	Ronald Joseph Moniz
10	Kevin Martin Marujo
11	Elaine Ann Morris
11	Bruce Arnold Vasconcellos
11	John Douglas McNair, Jr.
12	Deborah Ann Brodeur
13	Brian Leaver
18	Lisa Diane Rowland
19	Dennis Charles Lawton
22	Paul William Govoni
23	Ronald John Sylvia
26	Susan B. Penha
26	Daniel Francis Burns
26	Michael J. Mangham
27	William Perry Sylvia
27	Robert David Pike
27	Robert Nelson Sequira
28	Thom Stephen Ulrichsen
28	Anne Louise Westgate
29	Donald Louis Martin
29	Jeffry Keith Rezendes
Dec. 1	Robert Ellis Westgate
3	Weber Rego Torres
7	Gordon Michael Charros
7	Gilbert Charros
9	Stillborn
9	Robert Charles Baptista
11	Kristine Ann Joseph
12	Patty Gail Cardoza
15	Kathleen Brito
16	Stephen Warren Grotta
16	Roger Joseph Martin
17	John Taylor Botty
20	William Curtis Harrison
20	Frank Robert Lee
21	Jane Elizabeth Koczwara
28	Anthony Albert Tenczar

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955

Date	Groom	Bride
Jan. 3	Edward Paul Patenaude	Stephanie Catherine (Wiencek) Gayton
8	Donald Alexander Mac Isaac	Judith Drake
14	William Alvis Johnson	Nancy Patricia Pearson
22	William John Paiva	Irene Medeiros
29	Kenneth Lloyd Hansen	Eileen Patricia Hennessy
29	Raymond Wilfred Monty	Jacqueline Yvonne Sirois
Feb. 12	Carroll Richard Coburn	Isabel Stuart Tuell
19	Joseph Silveira Machado	Rose Gracia
19	Anthony Pimental Jordan	Betty Lou Gifford
19	John Battistelli	Grace Maria (Johnson) Plant
Mar. 18	Frank Costa	Arleen Loretta Young
20	Robert Gidley Burbank	Martha Ann Coates
28	Samuel Dias Freitas	Hannah Alberta (Mereidith) Perry
April 2	Nino Hans Treichler	Marian Hazel Raymond
2	Lee Thomas Lewis	Marit Jensen
9	Earl William Waite	Cynthia Stitt
10	Enoch Shepley	Shirley Ann Burbank
16	Emile Metivier Barboza	Marie Eveline Tremblay
16	Normand Oscar LeBeau	Mary Emily Gouveia
23	Joseph Herman Gallant	Jeannette Evyette Lamarre
28	Raymond Joseph Wilfred St. Pierre	Doris Anita Lyonnais
30	Joseph Frank Kufel	Marjorie Claire Joerger
30	Oscar Francis Hamblin	Helen Rapoza
30	Ernest Eugene Viera	Barbara Ann Silva
May 7	Louis Joseph Despres, Jr.	Rita Y. Pepin
7	Joseph Oliveira, Jr.	Beatrice Oliveira
7	William Joseph Rielly	Cynthia Joyce Arruda
14	William Albert Masse	Anne Patricia Mello
14	Boyd Robert Smith	Barbara Alice (Baldwin) Blackgrave
14	Arthur Verronneau	Mary Trinity Cardoza
14	Arthur Pragana Costa	Alice Johnson Brocklehurst
14	Joseph Richard McCulley	Phyllis Bernadette (Herrick) Langevin
15	William Oscar Buzzell	Clara Macomber (Sawyer) Smith
20	Arthur Francis Sullivan	Helen Elizabeth (Downey) Marsland

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN--1955--(Cont.)

Date	Groom	Bride
	21 John Machado	Arlene Rose Duarte
	21 Albert St. Clair Van Knowe	Virginia Jay Balboni
	23 Edward Hampton Sullivan	Barbara Ann Affonce
	28 Arthur Peirce Westgate	Dorothy Ann Alexander
June	2 David Francis Costa	Eileen May Souza
	4 Antone Alferes	Eleanor Medeiros
	4 Searl Lee Root	Joan Ellen Taylor
	4 Raymond Barton	Lois Vivian Chaples
	8 Manuel Joseph Perry	Louise Schlais (Dietz)
	10 Harold Parkinson	Gladys Emily Parkinson (Copeland)
	10 Simon England	Jane Chard Parkman
	11 Edward Cardoza	Lucille Constance Dufour
	11 William John Pragluski	Barbara Frances Strojny
	11 Edwin Brum Silveira	Mary Margaret Jura
	11 Ronald McNamara	Theresa Mendoza
	11 Ernest Charles Lizotte	Mary Abigail Candage
	11 Donald Harry Jackson	Alice Ann Bouchard
	18 Armand Roland Pinard	Janet Venter
	18 Leonard Anthony Benedict	Nancy Theresa Calassa
	18 Richard Spencer Raymond	Phyllis Anita Martin
	18 John Cooper Rucker	Betty Louise Hart
	18 Arnulf Julius Maeland	Gunhild Olaug Helgesen
	25 Arthur Daniel Devlin, Jr.	Margaret Medeiros
	26 Curtis Linwood Lopes	Mary Amelia Powers
	25 Jaime Henriques	Julia Ann Mello
	25 Alan Robert Greaves	Joan Elizabeth Carlson
	25 Earland Dunlop Briggs	Jean Elizabeth Parkinson
	25 Roger Costa	Adeline Pimental
	26 Raymond Albert Covill	Ruth Ann Porter
July	2 Kenneth Alfred Barrows	Marion Theresa Monteiro
	2 Albert Picanso	Shirley Edith Jacques
	2 Donald Sullivan	Anna Louise Furtado
	2 Donald Allen Sylvia	Dorothy Mae Gill
	2 George Joseph Furtado	Helen Louise Vieira
	2 Calvin Wilfred Roberts	Dora Frances (St. Clair) Barter
	3 Merrill Carr Howland	Helen Mary (Gidley) Burbank
	4 Daniel Alvarez	Dolores Margaret Dias
	4 Louis Paul Costa	Beryl Florida Meetis
	4 James Edward Reid	Cecile Ida Fonteneau

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN--1955--(Cont.)

Date	Groom	Bride
	7 Edward Joseph Caton, Jr.	Sharleen Ann Daly
	9 Kevin John Allen	Patricia Elaine Murray
	9 Joseph Hardman	Cecile Gloria Marie Mercier
	9 Manuel Brum Goulart, Jr.	Shirley Mae Lancaster
	16 August Sylvia	Mary Rose Cote (Lima)
	23 William Francis Power	Bernice Rolande Gauvin
	30 Jose Gouveia	Marie Lillian Claire Lecuyer
	30 Jack Alston Abbott	Marjorie Ann Bizarro
	30 Manuel Rego Coelho	Elvira (Vieira) Coelho
Aug.	6 James Lawrence Tonge, Jr.	Beverly Ann Fielding
	6 Knut Didrik Medhaug	Barbara Gerda Simonsen
	10 Antone Battistelli	Barbara Felicia Anuszczyk
	19 Arthur Nelson Boucher	Irene (Perks) Ripley
	22 Antonio Rua da Silva	Violanta (Alemao) Souza Dias
	23 Max Edward Baldwin	Ilene Celia Lefrancois
	27 Edmund Joseph Ellison	Patricia Doris Bilsborrow
	27 William Conrad Benoit, Jr.	Amelia Mello
	29 Richard Kelsey Tripp	Jeannette Therese Bouchard
Sept.	2 John Agey	Shirley Marie Cummings
	2 Alfred Leonard Severs	Ezilda Maya Sylvia
	3 Maurice Eugene Constant	Phyllis Mary Machado
	3 Lucien Albert Cormier	Rosalyn Helen Kruger
	3 William Henry Haskins	Carole Lois Rogers
	3 Edmond Alan Jackson	Therese Clara Roderick
	3 Adolfe Ignacio Medeiros	Mary Claire Guillotte
	3 Euclide Edward Melanson	Evelyn Marie Bernard
	4 Stephen Robert Hall, Jr.	Frosine Arvanites
	5 Donald Robert Cooper	Lorraine Galant
	5 Linus Walter Eldridge	Pauline Dawn Le'Lievre
	5 Clinton Stephen Delano	Lillian Jean Edwards
	5 Frank Francis	Alma Bariteau
	5 Harold Alexander Nickerson, Jr.	Dolores Karen Olsen
	5 Paul David Lynam	Elizabeth Agnes Boyle
	9 Donald Edwin Taylor	Leila Jean Brown
	10 Raymond Maurice Boulanger	Alberta Perry
	10 Murray Barrows Chace	Eileen Anita Brunette
	10 Robert Samuel Larsen	Elizabeth Johanna Jacoba Vander Pol
	12 Raymond Edward Goulart	Phyllis Ann Doucette
	17 Anthony Carl Alfiero	Dolores Hopkins

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN--1955--(Cont.)

Date	Groom	Bride
	17 Philip Alexander Bartasewicz	Stasia (Jachna) Thompson
	17 Celso Branco	Aida Lourds Oliveira
	17 John Charles Staffon	Mary DeRocha Coelho
	17 Karl Kvinlaug	Marion Olaus Skaugen
	23 Bradford Wheeler Luther, Jr.	Lillian Ruth Amaral
	24 Anthony Rose	Anita Florence Carroll
	24 Gil Duarte Mello	Doris Roseanna Silva (Benoit)
	29 Joseph Lacerda	Mildred Jane Flynn
Oct.	1 Joseph Ernest Albert Goulet	Phyllis Carol Govoni
	1 Richard Baptiste	Janice Marie Rose
	1 Edmond Messier	Ruth Caton
	1 Winston Bancroft	Barbara Louise Reeves
	8 Gilbert Canastra	Marguerite Electa Alferes
	8 Raymond Costa Frias	Sandra Louise Phillips
	8 Donald Casemiro Rose	Cecelia Mendes
	8 Leonard Cotta Mello	Domenica Brienza
	11 John Lawrence McAuliffe	Florence Threlfall (Massey)
	14 Roland Albert Millette	Jeannette (Blouin) Chiuppi
	15 Charles Noel Gendron	Dorothy Maria Souza
	15 Gilbert C. Fernandes	Solmeia Nobrega
	15 Edmund Francis, Jr.	Doris Hazel Pacheco
	15 George Earle Feener, Jr.	Nora Ann Smith
	18 James Dale Griffith	Joan Winterbottom
	22 Theodore Ralph Wood, Jr.	Anita Rejane Audette
	28 Carl Arnedd Winnett	Gladys Marie Davison
	29 Robert Reginald Duncan, Jr.	Elizabeth Codman Payson
Nov.	11 Raul Ribeiro	Anna (DiMaria) Viti
	12 James Harvey Lynch	Lillian Francis Campos
	12 Robert Motley Rose	Ursula Souza
	18 Donald Francis Medeiros	Shirley Mildred Thomas
	19 Allan Roscow	Karin Elizabeth Anderson
	19 Frank Jacob Tomkiewicz	Viola June Raymond
	19 William Elliot Sherman	Dorothy Caroline Gonsalves
	24 John Duart Mello, Jr.	Noreen Betty Simons
	26 Raymond Leo Gamache	Florence Claire Duchesneau
	26 Charles Richard Kurz	Clara Berly Kristiansen
	26 Nathan Thomas Johnson	Cora Maude Westgate
Dec.	14 Manuel Medeiros	Sarah Kent Costa (MacCord)
	31 Joseph Baptiste Monteiro	Dominga Pina Cabral



## DEATHS RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955

Date	Name	Age		
		Yr.	Mo.	Days
Jan.	9 Hermel J. Rioux	73	—	—
	14 William Hardie	79	4	9
	14 Edgar W. Darling	80	2	28
	15 Ella Elizabeth Ranger (Morrissey)	87	2	2
	18 Angela Rioux (Messier)	75	—	—
	23 Joseph M. Roderick	67	—	—
	24 Francis H. Cook	79	8	28
	26 Omer Bissonnette	59	—	—
	28 Ella M. Kelley (Kelley)	80	6	7
	31 Ellen (Barrett) Neenan	86	—	—
Feb.	4 Maria (Borges) Di Lima	74	—	—
	16 Alice Diggle (Elliot)	90	1	28
	17 Alfred J. Goulet	70	7	3
	19 Adelard D. Bisailon	67	9	14
	21 Hazel H. Avila (Maxim)	62	—	20
Mar.	5 Florence E. Hathaway (Gifford)	64	8	5
	7 John Raphael Costa	67	—	—
	11 Grace Swett	78	6	29
	15 Albert S. Ramsden	75	7	4
	16 Ruth H. Hathaway (Vinal)	57	2	4
	17 Mary L. Young (Curtis)	85	—	—
	28 Agnes (Dias) Silva	76	—	—
April	4 Harold B. Dennie	79	6	—
	6 Stanley I. Smith	71	1	15
	8 Irene H. Taber	71	5	5
	13 Paula Mary Jardin	1	3	7
	19 Jennie J. Lewis	83	4	17
	22 Lottie Trapp	88	9	23
	23 Elizabeth (Pratt-Frasier) Collins	49	—	—
	24 Sarah Barber (Crossland)	91	9	7
	26 Annie E. Blackwell	90	6	28
	28 Marguerite (Maillet Doiron) Durant	89	8	23
	30 Walter Wolan	45	10	13
May	1 Beatrice M. (Spiller) Rooney	77	—	—
	9 Minnie Reiss	83	—	—
	10 Richard Jones	80	3	3
	15 Joseph Ventura	78	—	—
	17 Margaret (Ainsworth) Sherratt	89	—	—

# DEATHS RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955 — (Cont.)

Date	Name	Age		
		Yr.	Mo.	Days
	17 Roseanna Tripp (Mott)	50	10	25
	18 Joseph S. Roderick	55	—	—
	19 John Farraday	94	4	28
	25 Mary Perry (Bettencourt)	70	—	—
	28 Charles Newman	82	2	20
	29 Rose Fortes (Andrade)	74	—	—
	30 Ellen M. Farrow	75	8	8
	31 Jane A. Chapman (Harrison)	80	6	8
June	3 Lydia L. Skinner	96	1	22
	10 Jennie Neild (Ingham)	88	10	14
	10 Mary Jacques (Loring)	75	—	—
	12 Joseph S. Vincent	78	—	—
	17 George Pilling Robinson	87	11	22
	17 Philip E. Young	69	6	16
	18 Sarah Ross	68	5	21
	20 William J. Grimshaw	83	—	—
	21 George F. Purrington	87	9	19
	21 Jacintha Vieira (Martin)	77	—	—
	22 Merciana Sylvia (Machado)	105	—	—
	23 Dorothy Taylor Houghton	61	3	12
	24 Clara M. Dennie	82	6	8
	27 Armand Roderiques	58	—	—
	28 Stanley Meyer	10	2	19
	29 Arthur J. Martin	51	—	—
	29 Maria R. Roza	34	—	—
July	2 Mary L. Keith	87	7	2
	2 Donalda Parker (Millette)	55	6	22
	3 Constantin Anesti	67	—	—
	8 Onesine Mercier	68	—	—
	9 Gertrude Santos (Cotta)	54	—	—
	14 Albertine F. Terwilegar	89	—	—
	16 Maria (Souza) Furtado	67	—	—
	17 Elizabeth Annie Fish	89	11	20
	20 Edgar Dexter	82	8	15
	22 Mildred A. (Johnson) Higgins	43	—	—
	27 Joseph S. Sylvia	71	—	—
Aug.	1 Mary P. Almeida	82	—	—
	1 Sandra May Comstock	7	—	12
	3 Odelie (Corneau) Vallerand	72	—	—

# DEATHS RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955 — (Cont.)

Date	Name	Age		
		Yr.	Mo.	Days
	8 Wilma M. Bonney	47	—	30
	12 Dora M. Pierce	68	2	26
	13 Angus W. McLeod	69	8	18
	14 Dana Bruce Astin	4	6	16
	14 Wilfred A. Cromie	47	11	28
	22 Walter Chadwick	35	—	—
	24 Jane Ann Hartley	93	3	28
	30 Ernest G. Colombe	70	4	6
Sept.	3 Mary Dean (Baxter)	65	—	—
	4 Harry W. Delano	66	11	5
	8 Williamina Hendry	87	7	19
	8 Ellen D. McCracken (Waters)	74	—	—
	12 Margaret Dempsey	92	—	—
	12 Cora A. Porter	84	8	19
	12 Arthur R. Vandenburg	72	10	30
	14 John F. McGartland	66	—	—
	15 Marion H. Lowe	67	—	14
	16 Herbert L. Silcox	70	5	24
	17 Edward J. Pothier	62	7	6
	17 Harry A. Ramsdell	87	9	21
	18 Pierce D. Brown	80	6	27
	19 Rose Blair (Marcotte)	76	6	—
	22 Filbert A. Silveira	79	—	—
	27 Mary A. S. Sale	76	9	0
	27 Edward Joseph Crowley		5 hours	
	29 Mary Andrews (Sylvia)	65	—	—
Oct.	1 Stillborn			
	3 Ruth Perkins	68	—	6
	4 Frederick E. Arnold	76	8	8
	5 John J. Rogers	61	7	13
	6 Clementina P. Mello (Perry)	44	—	—
	7 Raymond S. MacMullen	33	6	21
	8 Edith A. Eldridge	83	—	13
	10 Rose Marie (Daigle) Renaud	48	4	7
	17 Ellen M. (Killoran) Murphy	69	—	—
	21 Silvio A. Bonneau	52	10	21
	21 Joseph V. Serpa	83	8	18
	21 Sarah F. Moore (Sowle)	71	5	19
	22 Cora Crapo (Ballou)	83	10	3
	22 Thomas F. Parker	63	4	3

# DEATHS RECORDED IN FAIRHAVEN — 1955 — (Cont.)

Date	Name	Age		
		Yr.	Mo.	Days
24	John Gillett	86	4	6
24	Harold Pentleton	77	7	26
25	Charlotte York (Mooney)	51	11	4
31	Stillborn	—	—	—
Nov. 4	Lillian (Johnson) Karl	54	—	—
5	Joseph Sylvia	77	—	—
6	Minnie Larkin (McLellan)	84	1	12
8	Ellen M. Timm	90	9	15
8	Roland H. Amero	31	2	10
10	Samuel F. Riding	52	0	29
10	Mary B. (Souza) Travers	62	—	—
14	Lena Deakin	69	7	29
15	Manuel M. Souza	55	—	—
18	Elizabeth F. Wrightington (Eldridge)	71	3	17
24	Frank Adshead	85	8	5
24	Peter Nelson	84	11	12
22	Martha A. Devine (Sottleston)	71	7	24
30	Elizabeth W. Conkling	80	4	22
Dec. 1	Ellen Murphy	67	—	—
9	Stillborn	—	—	—
14	Annie Sandells (Aspin)	67	2	28
15	Kathi Ann Gonsalves	—	6	19
15	Charles J. Tapper, Jr.	33	8	25
18	Manuel Arruda	70	—	—
23	Minnie F. Salisbury	69	—	—
24	Arsene Ricard	70	8	1
25	Alice Dean	80	10	5
25	Ernest Eugene Huckins	81	3	8
25	Gaetano Thomas Militano	41	4	21
30	Eunice Dennett Eaton	75	11	14

# Annual Town Meeting

MARCH 12, 1955

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Meeting called to order at 1:45 P. M. by the Moderator, Stuart M. Briggs.

Town Meeting members present: At large	25—78.1%
Precinct 1—54—85.7%	
2—53—80.3%	
3—50—72.4%	
4—56—84.9%	
5—62—82.7%	
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	300—80.9%

One hundred Town Meeting members constitute a quorum.

Tellers, sworn in by Michael J. O'Leary, Town Clerk, were: Louis T. Brock, Armand A. Guilmette and Harold L. Hoxie.

Invocation was given by the Rev. John H. Maddaford, Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven.

Unanimous vote in favor of the motion that the reading of the full text of the articles and the reading of the preambles be waived.

Voted that all sums appropriated at this meeting be placed in the Tax Levy of 1955 unless otherwise stated.

## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

**ARTICLE 1.** Unanimously voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark.

## ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT

**ARTICLE 2.** Unanimously voted to accept the Annual Report of the Town Officers.

## TOWN CHARGES

**ARTICLE 3.**  
1.) Schools.  
Unanimously voted to appropriate \$444,149.00 for school purposes, including \$200.00 for out-of-State travel, plus \$1,850.50 from the Bristol County Dog Fund also for school purposes. \$444,149.00

- 2.) Selectmen's Office Expense.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$5,200.00  
for Selectmen's Office Expense. 5,200.00
- 3.) Public Assistance Administration.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$10,940.00  
for Public Assistance Administration. 10,940.00
- 4.) Public Welfare Maintenance.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$30,000.00  
for Public Welfare Maintenance. 30,000.00
- 5.) Aid to Dependent Children.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$25,000.00  
for Aid to Dependent Children. 25,000.00
- 6.) Old Age Assistance.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$130,000.  
for Old Age Assistance. 130,000.00
- 7.) Disability Assistance Maintenance.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$15,000.00  
for Disability Assistance Maintenance. 15,000.00
- 8.) Veterans' Benefits.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$55,000.00  
for Veterans' Benefits. 55,000.00
- 9.) Town Infirmary.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$7,500.00  
for Town Infirmary. 7,500.00
- 10.) Town Accountant — Salary and Expense  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,550.00  
for the salary of the Town Accountant and ex-  
pense. 2,550.00
- 11.) Police Department — including out-of-state travel.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$52,486.62  
for Police Department, including out-of-state  
travel. 52,486.62
- 12.) Safety Council.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$25.00  
for Safety Council. 25.00
- 13.) Bicycle Registration.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$50.00  
for Bicycle Registration. 50.00
- 14.) Fire Department.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$43,878.06  
for Fire Department. 43,878.06

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| 15.) Fire Alarm Maintenance.   |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,585.00<br>for Fire Alarm Maintenance and salary of Sup-<br>erintendent of Fire Alarm. | 2,585.00  |
| 16.) Salary Supt. Fire Alarm   |           |
| Included in item 15 above.   |           |
| 17.) Forest Fires.   |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$100.00<br>for Forest Fires.   | 100.00    |
| 18.) Building Inspection.  |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,700.00<br>for Building Inspection.  | 2,700.00  |
| 19.) Salary of Building Inspector.   |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$750.00<br>for Salary of Building Inspector.   | 750.00    |
| 20.) Salary of Supt. of Highways.  |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$3,500.00<br>for Salary of Supt. of Highways.  | 3,500.00  |
| 21.) Highways  |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$63,990.69<br>for Highways.  | 63,990.69 |
| 22.) Engineering Expense.  |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,500.00<br>for Engineering Expense.  | 2,500.00  |
| 23.) Collection of Rubbish.  |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$16,495.00<br>for Collection of Rubbish.   | 16,495.00 |
| 24.) Shellfish Inspection.   |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$1,900.00<br>for Shellfish Inspection.   | 1,900.00  |
| 25.) Sealer of Weights and Measures.   |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$1,200.00<br>for Sealer of Weights and Measures  | 1,200.00  |
| 26.) Union Wharf.  |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$510.00<br>for Union Wharf.  | 510.00    |
| 27.) Salary of Wharfinger.   |           |
| Unanimously votde the appropriation of \$350.00<br>for Salary of Wharfinger.   | 350.00    |



28.) Town Meeting Expense.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,000.00		
for Town Meeting Expense.		2,000.00
29.) Town Hall.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$14,350.00		
for Town Hall.		14,350.00
30.) Legal Expense.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,000.00		
for Legal Expense.		2,000.00
31.) Town Clerk's Office Expense.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$3,043.00		
for Town Clerk's Office Expense.		3,043.00
32.) Treasurer's Office Expense.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$3,871.40		
for Treasurer's Office Expense.		3,871.40
33.) Town Debt.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$53,800.00		
for Town Debt.		53,800.00
34.) Accrued Interest.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$14,337.50		
for Accrued Interest.		14,337.50
35.) Interest on Revenue Loans.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$1,000.00		
for Interest on Revenue Loans.		1,000.00
36.) Town Collector's Office Expense.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$5,400.00		
for Town Collector's Office Expense.		5,400.00
37.) Assessor's Office Expense.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,694.00		
for Assessor's Office Expense.		2,694.00
38.) Dutch Elm Disease.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$3,500.00		
for Dutch Elm Disease, of which \$1,000.00 is to		
be used solely for the purchase of new trees, and		
the cost of planting will be taken out of avail-		
able money.		3,500.00
39.) Insect Pest Control, Chapter 660.		
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$4,000.00		
for Insect Pest Control, Chapter 660.		4,000.00

40.) Board of Health — Maintenance and Admin.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$9,493.00 for Board of Health — Maintenance and Admin.	9,493.00
41.) Dental Clinic.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$1,200.00 for Dental Clinic.	1,200.00
42.) Diphtheria Immunization.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$120.00 for Diphtheria Immunization.	120.00
43.) Collection of Garbage.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$3,800.00 for Collection of Garbage.	3,800.00
44.) Sewer and Water Maintenance.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$36,266.57 for Sewer and Water Maintenance.	36,266.57
45.) Election and Registration.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$6,938.00 for Election and Registration.	6,938.00
46.) Planning Board.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$250.00 for Planning Board.	250.00
47.) Park Department.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$8,822.50 for Park Department.	8,822.50
48.) Board of Appeals.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$110.00 for Board of Appeals.	110.00
49.) Hydrant Rental.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$12,480.00 for Hydrant Rental.	12,480.00
50.) Street Lighting.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$12,495.12 for Street Lighting.	12,495.12
51.) Vocational School.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$10,000.00 for Vocational School.	10,000.00
52.) Granolithic and Black Top Sidewalks.	
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$5,000.00 for Granolithic and Black Top Sidewalks.	5,000.00

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| 53.) Memorial Day.  |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$400.00<br>for Memorial Day.      | 400.00    |
| 54.) Reserve Fund.  |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$15,000.00<br>for Reserve Fund.   | 15,000.00 |
| 55.) Woodside Cemetery.   |           |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$150.00<br>for Woodside Cemetery. | 150.00    |

### COMPENSATION OF ELECTIVE TOWN OFFICERS

#### ARTICLE 4.

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|---|------------|
| a.) Salary of Selectmen.  |            |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,100.00<br>for Salary of Selectmen.             | \$2,100.00 |
| b.) Salary of Board of Public Welfare.  |            |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$900.00<br>for Salary of Board of Public Welfare. | 900.00     |
| c.) Salary of Town Clerk.   |            |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$900.00<br>for Salary of Town Clerk.              | 900.00     |
| d.) Salary of Town Treasurer.   |            |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$3,100.00<br>for Salary of Town Treasurer.        | 3,100.00   |
| e.) Salary of Town Collector.   |            |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$3,640.00<br>for Salary of Town Collector.        | 3,640.00   |
| f.) Salary of Assessors.  |            |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$7,363.44<br>for Salary of Assessors.             | 7,363.44   |
| g.) Salary of Moderator.  |            |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$100.00<br>for Salary of Moderator.               | 100.00     |
| h.) Salary of Tree Warden.  |            |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$200.00<br>for Salary of Tree Warden.             | 200.00     |
| i.) Salary of Board of Health.  |            |
| Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$720.00<br>for Salary of Board of Health.         | 720.00     |

- j.) Salary of Sewer and Water Commissioners.  
Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$750.00  
for Salary of Sewer and Water Commissioners. 750.00

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING**

- ARTICLE 5.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,500.00  
for Public Health Nursing, the appropriation to  
be extended under the direction of the Board  
of Selectmen for various welfare and health  
categories, excluding bedside service. 2,500.00

#### **MILLICENT LIBRARY**

- ARTICLE 6.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$16,485.30  
for Millicent Library. 16,485.30

#### **CIVIL DEFENSE**

- ARTICLE 7.** Voted the appropriation of \$6,056.80, includ-  
ing \$2,500.00 for a generator in the Town Hall. 6,056.80

#### **BORROW MONEY IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE**

- ARTICLE 8.** Unanimously voted to authorize the Town Treas-  
urer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to bor-  
row money from time to time in anticipation of  
the revenue of the financial year beginning Janu-  
ary 1, 1955, in accordance with Section 17, Chap-  
ter 44, General Laws.

#### **TAX TITLE EXPENSE**

- ARTICLE 9.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$1,150.00  
for Tax Title Expense. 1,150.00

#### **CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

- ARTICLE 10.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$6,952.00  
for Contributory Retirement System — \$6,652.00  
for retirement fund and \$300.00 for expense of  
Administration. 6,952.00

#### **WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

- ARTICLE 11.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$6,001.24  
for Workmen's Compensation Insurance. 6,001.24

### **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE'S PUBLIC LIABILITY**

- ARTICLE 12.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,500.00 for Municipal Employee's Public Liability. 2,500.00

### **INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS**

- ARTICLE 13.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$4,235.00 for Insurance on Town Buildings. 4,235.00

### **FIRE INSURANCE ON EQUIPMENT**

- ARTICLE 14.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$200.00 for Fire Insurance on Equipment. 200.00

### **ACCEPTANCE OF SCONTICUT NECK ROAD**

- ARTICLE 15.** Unanimously voted the acceptance of Sconticut Neck Road from end of 1954 acceptance south-erly 1500 feet, subject to the approval of the lay-out by the Planning Board.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF LINCOLN STREET**

- ARTICLE 16.** Voted in favor of indefinite postponement of this article 16. (The Petitioner moved that this ar-ticle be postponed.)

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AKIN STREET**

- ARTICLE 17.** Unanimously voted to accept Akin Street from Washington Street northerly 717.12 feet, subject to the approval of the lay-out by the Planning Board, and provided that there is no cost to the Town for the taking of land.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF CAMEL, DIAMOND, HENRY AND CLUB STREETS.**

- ARTICLE 18.** After much discussion it was voted that the ac-ceptance of Camel, Diamond, Henry and Club Streets be indefinitely postponed.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF HASTE STREET**

- ARTICLE 19.** After some discussion is was voted not to accept Haste Street from Alden Road to Main Street.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF CHESTNUT STREET**

- ARTICLE 20.** After discussion, it was  
Voted in favor of the acceptance of Chestnut  
Street from the southern end of the accep-  
tance of April 30, 1923 southerly to South Street  
(section A) and the appropriation of \$1,000.00  
for the construction and extension of same  
(section B.) 1,000.00

## **ACCEPTANCE OF EAST ALLEN STREET**

- ARTICLE 20A.** Voted in favor of the acceptance of East Allen  
Street, subject to the approval of the lay-  
out by the Planning Board and providing there  
is no cost to the Town for the taking of land.

## **CONSTRUCTION OF SCONTICUT NECK ROAD**

- ARTICLE 21.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$10,000.00  
for the purpose of financing the Town's share  
of the cost of the construction of Sconticut Neck  
Road, under Chapter 90, and that the sum of  
\$30,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated  
funds in the Treasury to finance the State's and  
County's shares of the cost of the work; the  
money to be received from the State and County  
in reimbursement to be credited back to the  
surplus revenue of the Town. 10,000.00  
30,000.00

## **CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE**

- ARTICLE 22.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$1,000.00  
for the purpose of financing the Town's share  
of the cost of Chapter 90 Maintenance, and  
that the sum of \$2,000.00 be transferred from un-  
appropriated funds in the Treasury to finance  
the State's and County's shares of the cost of  
the work; the money to be received from the  
State and County in reimbursement to be cred-  
ited back to the surplus revenue of the Town. 1,000.00  
2,000.00

## **MOSQUITO CONTROL MAINTENANCE**

- ARTICLE 23.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$3,250.00  
for Mosquito Control Maintenance, as esti-  
mated and certified by the State Reclamation  
Board. 3,250.00



### **DOG CARE**

- ARTICLE 24.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$400.00 for Dog Care. 400.00

### **ACADEMY BUILDING**

- ARTICLE 25.** Voted in favor of indefinite postponement of this article.

### **UNEXPENDED BALANCES TO REVENUE**

- ARTICLE 26.** Unanimously voted in favor of transferring balance of \$9,905.41 remaining in the following accounts, to Revenue:
- |                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Property for Water Tower      | 300.00           |
| Spring Street Sewer Extension | 143.80           |
| Rotch Street Sewer Extension  | 2,036.64         |
| Water Mains                   | 265.91           |
| Oxford School                 | 971.75           |
| East Fairhaven School         | 1,146.50         |
| Addition to Schools           | .59              |
| Rubbish Truck                 | 406.30           |
| Benoit Square                 | 407.51           |
| Union Street                  | 99.14            |
| Highway Truck                 | 161.86           |
| Sewage Disposal Committee     | 84.10            |
| Town Hall Boilers             | 2,502.40         |
| Fireproof Vault               | 56.00            |
| Police Automobiles            | 823.66           |
| Police Ambulance              | 499.25           |
|                               | <hr/> \$9,905.41 |

### **BALANCES TO SCONTICUT NECK WATER PROJECT**

- ARTICLE 27.** Unanimously voted to transfer the unexpended balances remaining in water extension accounts to the Sconticut Neck Water Project:
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|------------------------------|------------------|
| Cushman and Nelson Avenues   | \$143.03         |
| Winsegansett Avenue          | 105.31           |
| Brae Road                    | 387.17           |
| Nobska Avenue                | 137.21           |
| Nakata Avenue                | 248.30           |
| Tecumseh and Samoset Avenues | 61.85            |
|                              | <hr/> \$1,082.87 |

### **UNPAID BILLS OF PRIOR YEARS**

- ARTICLE 28.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$4,780.40 for the payment of Unpaid Bills of Prior Years 4,780.40

### STABILIZATION FUND

- ARTICLE 29.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$5,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund, created in accordance with the provisions of Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws at the Annual Town Meeting of 1953. 5,000.00

### FIRE ALARM BOXES

- ARTICLE 30.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$225.00 to purchase and install fire alarm boxes as follows :  
One on Pole 41991 at East Coggeshall and Hopkins Street. 225.00

### STREET LIGHTS

- ARTICLE 31.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$345.60 to maintain twelve street lights at \$28.80 each per year at the following locations :  
One on Wilbur Avenue.  
One on Haste Street.  
One on Pole 43056 on East Coggeshall Street.  
One on Pole 41479 on Baxter Avenue.  
One on Pole 41013 at the corner of Alden Road and Manuel St.  
One on Pole 40940 on Sconticut Neck Road, between Chambers St. and Winsegansett Heights.  
One on Pole 43531 on Coggeshall St. between Central Avenue and Alden Road.  
One on Sconticut Neck at the corner of Nakata Ave. and Manomet St.  
Two on Alden Road, north of Jesse St.  
Two on East Allen St. on Poles 41299 and 41302. 345.60

### HARD SURFACING

- ARTICLE 32.** East Allen St., from Atlas St. easterly — Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,250.00 to begin reconstruction of East Allen St., from Atlas St. easterly. 2,250.00

East Coggeshall St., from Alden Road easterly to Rosecrest St.. Voted unanimously the appropriation of \$8,634.00 for the reconstruction and hard surfacing of East Coggeshall St., from Alden Rd. easterly to Rosecrest St. 8,634.00

Weeden Place, from Weeden Rd. to the dead end of said street. Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$512.00 to begin reconstruction of Weeden Place, from Weeden Road to the dead end of said street, by installing drains this year provided necessary easements are obtained at no cost to the Town. 512.00

North Walnut St., from Massasoit Ave. to North St. — Voted for an indefinite postponement of this article.

Hacker Street — Voted in favor of an indefinite postponement of this article.

Doane Street — from Green St. to Laurel St. — Article defeated.

Laurel St., from Cedar St. to Doane St. — Article defeated.

Shaw Road, from the end of present hard surface to the railroad bed, — Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,000.00 to continue the policy of gradually extending the hard surface of this road. 2,000.00

## DRAINS

**ARTICLE 33.** Section (a)—Unanimously voted to indefinitely postpone action on this article, to install in pipe or cover over the present open drainage ditch easterly from Rotch Street to Tripp St.

Section (b) — Unanimously voted in favor of indefinite postponement of this article, for drainage on Kane Street.

Section (c) — Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,500.00 to complete the North Street drain. 2,500.00

## **WATER MAINS**

- ARTICLE 34.** Unanimously voted that action on the following streets be indefinitely postponed; with the exception of Brae Road:

Camel Street, 1600 ft.

Reservation Road, 200 ft.

Chambers Street, 1050 ft.

Shore Side Drive, 800 ft.

Buist Avenue, 525 ft.

Brae Road, 570 feet — Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,085.00, the sum to be taken from available funds of the Sconticut Neck Water Project, for the purpose of installing 570 feet of 6 in. water mains on Brae Road.

2,085.00

## **SEWER EXTENSIONS**

- ARTICLE 35.** Haste St., from Alden Rd. to Main St. Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$4,000.00 for the installation of 8 in. sewer in Haste St., from Alden Rd. to Main St.

4,000.00

Pilgrim Ave., west from Francis St. — Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$600.00 for installation of 8 in. sewer in Pilgrim Ave., west from Francis St., 200 ft. more or less.

600.00

## **CURBING**

- ARTICLE 36.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$4,500.00 for the installation of curbing on one side of Morgan Street, from Main St. to Alden Rd.

4,500.00

## **POLICE CARS**

- ARTICLE 37.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$4,100.00 for the purchase of three new 4-door sedans and one radio for the use of the Police Department and to apply the turn-in value of one 1953 and two 1954 cars toward the purchase of the new cars.

4,100.00

## **REPRODUCING MACHINE**

- ARTICLE 38.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$500.00 for the purchase of a reproducing machine.

500.00

### HIGHWAY TRUCK

- ARTICLE 39.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,000.00 to purchase a pick-up truck for the Highway Department. 2,000.00

### INFIRMARY REPAIRS

- ARTICLE 40.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$2,500.00 for special repairs at the Town Infirmary. 2,500.00

### TOWN BATH HOUSES

- ARTICLE 41.** Almost an unanimous vote in favor of an indefinite postponement of this article, to build bath houses at West Island Town Beach.

### HURRICANE REPAIRS

- ARTICLE 42.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$6,325.00 to repair and replace Town buildings damaged by the hurricane, as follows:
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| (a) Fishermans' Sheds  | 400.00   |
| (b) Fish building on Union Wharf,<br>occupied by Mutual Fish Company | 3,300.00 |
| (c) Keith Building, Union Wharf                                      | 125.00   |
| (d) Academy Building   | 1,000.00 |
| (e) Boy's Club   | 1,500.00 |
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|  | 6,325.00 |

### COGGESHALL STREET BRIDGE

- ARTICLE 43.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$29.89 for repair and maintenance of the Coggeshall Street Bridge. 29.89

### POWER ROLLER

- ARTICLE 44.** After some discussion the article was defeated.

### HONOR ROLL

- ARTICLE 45.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$667.25 for the purpose of renewing all war veteran name plates in the Honor Roll, destroyed by the recent hurricane. 667.25

### **LIVESEY PARK**

- ARTICLE 49.** It was voted, a very heavy margin, in favor of the appropriation of \$3,500.00 for the construction of a double tennis court and basketball court in Livesey Park. 3,500.00

### **STAGE CURTAINS**

- ARTICLE 47.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$1,200.00 to replace the stage curtains in the Larch Avenue Auditorium of the Fairhaven High School. 1,200.00

### **SCHOOL TRUCK**

- ARTICLE 48.** Voted in favor of the appropriation of \$2,200.00 for the purchase of a pick-up truck for the use of the school maintenance department. 2,200.00

### **ANTHONY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND**

- ARTICLE 46.** Unanimously voted the appropriation of \$1,000.00 to blacktop a part of the Anthony School playground. 1,000.00

### **RETAINING WALL**

- ARTICLE 50.** After some discussion it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to construct a concrete wall at the rear of the Oxford School (new addition) to eliminate constant erosion by drainage of surface water from the school property. 2,000.00

### **HUNTING — SCONTICUT NECK**

- ARTICLE 51.** Voted Unanimously to close the Sconticut Neck area to hunters.

### **SITE FOR PLAYGROUND**

- ARTICLE 52.** After a lengthy discussion the article was defeated.

### **TOWN MEETING EXPENSE — MAP**

- ARTICLE 53.** Voted to postpone action on this article indefinitely.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING BY-LAWS**

- ARTICLE 54.** Unanimously voted to postpone action on this article. Indefinitely.



## **AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP**

- ARTICLE 55.** Unanimously voted to adopt this article, to amend the zoning map by extending an existing Business District located on the easterly side of Sconcut Neck Road between Buxton and Day Streets, so that said District shall include the whole of lots "C", "D" and "G" of the Subdivision Plan of the land of Arlindo and Margaret Diaz, filed with Bristol County (S. D.) Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 42, Page 36, and in accordance with a plan filed with the Planning Board, as petitioned by Palmeda Silva and Annie Gomes, owners, of 14 Buttonwood Road, South Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

## **AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP**

- ARTICLE 56.** Unanimously voted that this article be laid on the table until March 19, 1955.

## **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LAND**

- ARTICLE 57.** Unanimously voted to authorize the Selectmen to convey any land owned by the Town through tax title foreclosure to any of the claimants for damages by reason of the taking by the Town of land located east of Adams Street and north of Huttleston Avenue for a school site in 1954, in whole or in part in settlement of any such claims and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 and authorize the Selectmen to expend the same in whole or in part in settlement of any such claims.

500.00

## **TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

- ARTICLE 58.** Unanimously voted in favor of transferring the sum of \$15,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the reduction of the tax levy of 1955.

15,000.00

## **COMMITTEES**

- ARTICLE 59. Fairhaven Water Co.**  
Unanimously voted to accept the report of the Committee studying the feasibility of the Town taking over the Fairhaven Water Company.

### **Water Main Betterment Tax**

Unanimously voted to accept the report of the Committee on assessment of Water Main Betterment Tax, and to place this report on file, and discharge the Committee with thanks. (Report on file in Town Clerk's office.)

### **Outfall Sewer**

Unanimously voted to accept the report of the Outfall Sewer Committee with thanks and that the Committee continue to operate. (Report filed in the Town Clerk's office.)

### **Street Lighting**

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Street Lighting and voted that this Committee remain in operation for an indefinite period. (Report on file in the Town Clerk's office.)

### **Playground Site**

After some discussion the motion to appoint a committee to select a site for a playground in Sconticut Neck was defeated.

### **Recreational Committee**

Unanimously voted to accept the report of the Recreational Committee with thanks, and that the Committee continue for another year to complete their work. (Report filed with the Town Clerk.)

Meeting adjourned until 1:30 P. M., March 19, 1955.

### **Town Meetings**

Voted unanimously that the Committee continue to study revision of the act establishing limited Town Meetings in Fairhaven, to place the report on file, and to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Selectmen be requested to petition the General Court to enact amendments to Chapter 285, of the Acts of 1930, as amended by Chapter 168 of the Acts of 1945, in accordance with the recommendations of the

Committee and in the substance of the draft submitted with its report.

A motion was made for reconsideration of Article 3, Section 14, Fire Department but was defeated by a unanimous vote.

**Elementary School Survey Com.**

Unanimously voted that the report of the Elementary School Survey Committee be accepted, the Committee thanked and discharged. (Report filed with the Town Clerk.)

**Tuberculosis**

Unanimously voted to accept the report of the Committee studying tuberculosis facilities in Bristol County, and to place the report on file and that the Committee continue its work. (Report filed with the Town Clerk.)

Voted unanimously to recess the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting until the completion of the Special Town Meeting.

Meeting recessed at 2:45 P. M.

# Special Town Meeting and Adjourned Annual Town Meeting

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**MARCH 19, 1955**

Meeting called to order at 1:43 P. M.

Town Meeting members present:	At large	24—75.0%
	Precinct 1	47—74.6%
	2	48—72.7%
	3	42—60.9%
	4	50—75.7%
	5	60—80.0%
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		271—73.0%

At an adjourned meeting seventy-five Town Meeting members constitute a quorum.

It was moved to take action on Article 56, Amendment to the Zoning Map, which was laid on the table at the Annual Town Meeting of March 12, 1955 until approximately 1:30 P. M. March 19, 1955."

## **ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP**

**ARTICLE 56.** After much discussion it was unanimously voted to amend the zoning map by extending the existing Business District on the southerly side of Washington Street, east of Rivet Street to Grinnell Street, to include Lots 62 and 63, Assessors' Plot 31A and Lots 64 and 65 on Grinnell Street.

## **COMMITTEES**

**ARTICLE 59. New Fire and Police Station**

Voted to discharge all previous committees and appoint a new committee of nine; three from the Board of Selectmen; one member from each of the five precincts, to be appointed by the Chairman of each precinct; and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to either serve or appoint one member; and that the Chief of the Fire Department and the Chief of the Police Department serve in an advisory capacity only; also that no money be appropriated.

# Special Town Meeting

MARCH 19, 1955

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The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 2:45 P. M.

One hundred Town Meeting members constitute a quorum.

It was moved and unanimously voted that all sums appropriated be placed in the tax levy of 1955.

It was voted unanimously that the reading of the full text of the articles and the reading of the preambles be waived.

## CAUSEWAY ROAD, WEST ISLAND

- ARTICLE 1.** Tremendous vote (10 opposed) in favor of adopting Article 1 and appropriating \$1.00 to buy of Fairhaven Estates, Inc., an easement over certain parts of Causeway Road that it owns, all its interest in the Causeway, between Jacob's Neck and Long Island and between Long Island and West Island subject to certain existing easements, together with such further interests in the land over which Causeway Road extends as Fairhaven Estates, Inc., elects to convey to the Town; appropriation of one dollar.

\$1.00

## ACCEPTANCE OF CAUSEWAY ROAD

- ARTICLE 2.** Voted, a practically unanimous vote, to accept as a town way Causeway Road, from the east line of Sarah H. McLane et ali land on Jacob's Neck easterly across the Causeway and across Long Island to the west line of Alder Street on West Island. No appropriation required.
- ARTICLE 3.** Unanimously voted that the Selectmen be authorized to apply to the Commonwealth for emergency funds to rehabilitate said Causeway Road and the two causeways between Jacob's Neck and Long Island and between Long Island and West Island.

### **WEST ISLAND TOWN BEACH**

- ARTICLE 4.** Unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to build, improve and extend the facilities at the town beach at West Island, said money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and the special Recreation Committee appointed in 1953 for said purposes. \$2,500.00

### **GAS COMPANY EASEMENT**

- ARTICLE 5.** Unanimously voted to grant to the New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Company a perpetual right and easement to erect and maintain a line with the necessary poles, wires and other fixtures for the transmission of electricity over and across land of the Town of Fairhaven, as described in Article 5.

### **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

- ARTICLE 6.** After much discussion it was unanimously voted to ratify, adopt and confirm all of the acts taken since the Special Town Meeting of July 15, 1954, of the Junior High School Building Committee appointed at the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting held March 21, 1953.

### **EXPENSES OF COMMITTEE**

- ARTICLE 7.** There was a very heavy vote in favor of this article, that the town reconstitute and reappoint the Junior High School Building Committee appointed at the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting held March 21, 1953, and to transfer from the balance of the funds voted for the use of the Committee at the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting held March 27, 1954, the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Junior High School Plans account to pay the architect for the second set of preliminary plans, and \$10.00 from the Junior High School Building Committee expense account to pay miscellaneous expenses. \$1,000.00  
\$10.00

### **PLANS FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

- ARTICLE 8.** As this article was put in in case the others were negative there was an unanimous vote that this article be laid on the table.



**ARTICLE 9.** No motion made.

Unanimous vote in favor of adjournment of the Special Town Meeting at 3:18 P. M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 P. M.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **ARTICLE 59. Elementary School Building Committee**

Voted on an amendment of \$350.00 for the expenses of the Committee. OPPOSED.

Voted on original motion, with an appropriation of \$3,000.00 for the expenses of the Committee. OPPOSED.

FINAL VOTE: On amendment, the appointment of the Committee, with no appropriation, as follows:

Unanimously voted that authority be given to appoint a Committee, an Elementary School Building Committee of five (5) members: two (2) to be appointed by the Chairman of the School Committee; two (2) to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and one (1) to be appointed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee; and that said Committee be authorized to receive the records of the (discharged) Elementary School Survey Committee (appointed by authority of Town Meeting of March 27, 1954) and to report to the next Special or Annual Town Meeting.

VOTED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:43 P. M.

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 1955 AND ADJOURNED ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS HELD MARCH 19, 1955.**

<b>ANNUAL TOWN MEETING</b>	<b>1955 Tax Levy</b>	<b>Transfers</b>
<b>Art. 3—</b> 1—Schools (inc. \$300.00 out-of- State travel)	\$444,149.00	\$1,850.50 Dog Fund
2—Selectmen's Office Expense	5,200.00	
3—Public Assistance Admin.	10,940.00	
4—Public Welfare Maintenance	30,000.00	
5—Aid to Dependent Children	25,000.00	
6—Old Age Assistance	130,000.00	
7—Disability Assistance Maint.	15,000.00	
8—Veterans' Benefits	55,000.00	
9—Town Infirmary	7,500.00	
10—Town Accountant — Salary and Expense	2,550.00	
11—Police Dept. (inc. out-of-State travel)	52,486.62	
12—Safety Council	25.00	
13—Bicycle Registration	50.00	
14—Fire Department	43,878.06	
15—Fire Alarm Maintenance & Supt. Salary	2,585.00	
16—Salary Supt. Fire Alarm—included in above article		
17—Forest Fires	100.00	
18—Building Inspection	2,700.00	
19—Salary of Building Inspector	750.00	
20—Salary of Supt. of Highways	3,500.00	
21—Highways	63,990.69	
22—Engineering Expense	2,500.00	
23—Collection of Rubbish	16,495.00	
24—Shellfish Inspection	1,900.00	
25—Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,200.00	
26—Union Wharf	510.00	
27—Salary of Wharfinger	350.00	
28—Town Meeting Expense	2,000.00	
29—Town Hall	14,350.00	
30—Legal Expense	2,000.00	
31—Town Clerk's Office Expense	3,043.00	
32—Treasurer's Office Expense	3,871.40	
33—Town Debt	53,800.00	
34—Accrued Interest	14,337.50	
35—Interest on Revenue Loans	1,000.00	
36—Town Collector's Office Expense	5,400.00	
37—Assessors' Office Expense	2,694.00	
38—Dutch Elm Disease	3,500.00	

39—Insect Pest Control, Chapt. 660	4,000.00
40—Board of Health—Maint. & Adm.	9,493.00
41—Dental Clinic	1,200.00
42—Diphtheria Immunization	120.00
43—Collection of Garbage	3,800.00
44—Sewer & Water Maintenance	36,266.57
45—Election & Registration	6,938.00
46—Planning Board	250.00
47—Park Department	8,822.30
48—Board of Appeals	110.00
49—Hydrant Rental	12,480.00
50—Street Lighting	12,495.12
51—Vocational School	10,000.00
52—Granolithic & Black Top Sidewalks	5,000.00
53—Memorial Day	150.00
54—Reserve Fund	15,000.00
55—Woodside Cemetery	150.00
<b>Art. 4—</b> a—Salary of Selectmen	2,100.00
b—Salary of Board of Public Welfare	900.00
c—Salary of Town Clerk	900.00
d—Salary of Town Treasurer	3,100.00
e—Salary of Town Collector	3,640.00
f—Salary of Assessors	7,363.44
g—Salary of Moderator	100.00
h—Salary of Tree Warden	200.00
i—Salary of Board of Health	720.00
j—Salary of Sewer & Water Com.	750.00
<b>Art. 5—</b> Public Health Nursing	2,500.00
<b>Art. 6—</b> Millicent Library	16,485.30
<b>Art. 7—</b> Civil Defense	6,056.80
<b>Art. 8—</b> Borrow Money to anticipate Revenue — Adopted	
<b>Art. 9—</b> Tax Title Expense	1,150.00
<b>Art. 10—</b> Contributory Retirement System	6,952.00
<b>Art. 11—</b> Workmen's Compensation Ins.	6,001.24
<b>Art 12—</b> Municipal Employees Public Liability	2,500.00
<b>Art. 13—</b> Insurance on Town Buildings	4,235.00
<b>Art. 14—</b> Fire Insurance on Equipment	200.00
<b>Art. 20—</b> Chestnut Street Extension	1,000.00

<b>Art. 21—</b> Construction of Sconticut Neck Road, Chapter 90	10,000.00	30,000.00 E & D
<b>Art. 22—</b> Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	2,000.00 E & D
<b>Art. 23—</b> Mosquito Control Maintenance	3,250.00	
<b>Art. 24—</b> Dog Care	400.00	
<b>Art. 26—</b> Unexpended Balances to Revenue :		
Property for Water Tower	\$300.00	
Spring St. Sewer Extension	143.80	
Rotch St. Sewer Extension	2,036.64	
Water Mains	265.91	
Oxford School	971.75	
East Fairhaven School	1,146.50	
Additions to Schools	.59	
Rubbish Truck	406.30	
Benoit Square	407.51	
Union Street	99.14	
Highway Truck	161.86	
Sewage Disposal Comm.	84.10	
Town Hall Boilers	2,502.40	
Fireproof Vault	56.00	
Police Automobiles	823.66	
Police Ambulance	499.25	
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	\$9,905.41	
<b>Art. 27—</b> Balances to Sconticut Neck Water Account :		
Cushman Ave. & Nelson Ave.	\$143.03	
Winsegansett Avenue	105.31	
Brae Road	387.17	
Nobska Ave.	137.21	
Nakata Avenue	248.30	
Tecumseh & Samoset Ave.	61.85	
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	\$1,082.87	
<b>Art. 28—</b> Unpaid Bills of Prior Years	\$4,780.00	
<b>Art. 29—</b> Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	
<b>Art. 30—</b> Fire Alarm Boxes	225.00	
<b>Art. 31—</b> Street Lights	345.60	
<b>Art. 32—</b> Hard Surfacing :		
a—East Allen Street	2,250.00	
b—East Coggeshall Street	8,634.00	

c—Weeden Place	512.00
h—Shaw Road	2,000.00
<b>Art. 33—</b> Drains — North Street	2,500.00
<b>Art. 34—</b> Water Mains in Brae Road	2,085.00
<b>Art. 35—</b> Sewer Extensions :	
a—Haste Street	4,000.00
b—Pilgrim Avenue	600.00
<b>Art. 36—</b> Curbing on Morgan Street	4,500.00
<b>Art. 37—</b> Police Cars	4,100.00
<b>Art. 38—</b> Reproducing Machine	500.00
<b>Art. 39—</b> Highway Truck	2,000.00
<b>Art. 40—</b> Infirmiry Repairs	2,500.00
<b>Art. 42—</b> Hurricane Repairs	6,325.00
<b>Art. 43—</b> Coggeshall Street Bridge	29.89
<b>Art. 45—</b> Honor Roll — Park Dept.	667.25
<b>Art. 46—</b> Livesey Park Tennis Court	3,500.00
<b>Art. 47—</b> High School Stage Curtains	1,200.00
<b>Art. 48—</b> School Truck	2,200.00
<b>Art. 49—</b> Anthony School Playground	1,000.00
<b>Art. 50—</b> Retaining Wall — Oxford School	2,000.00
<b>Art. 57—</b> Junior High School Land	500.00
<b>Art. 58—</b> Transfer of Funds (E & D)	15,000.00

#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

<b>Art. 1—</b> Causeway Road Purchase	\$1.00	
<b>Art. 4—</b> West Island Bldg. & Improvements	2,500.00	
<b>Art. 7—</b> Junior High School Bldg. Comm.		\$1,000.00
		Junior H. S.
		Plan Account
		\$10.00 Junior
		H. S. Com.
		Exp. a/c
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	\$1,298,839.18	\$34,860.50

**APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT ANNUAL, ADJOURNED AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS HELD MARCH 12 AND MARCH 19, 1955**

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS:**

1955 Tax Levy	\$1,298,839.18
Less Transfer E & D to reduce Levy	15,000.00
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Net 1955 Tax Levy	\$1,283,839.18
Transferred from Dog Fund	1,850.50
Trans. from Excess & Deficiency Account	32,000.00
Trans. from Junior High School Plan Account	1,000.00
Trans. from Junior High School Comm. Expense Account	10.00
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Net Appropriation and Transfers	\$1,318,699.68



# Special Town Meeting

MAY 26, 1955

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The meeting was called to order at 7:42 P.M. by Moderator Stuart M. Briggs. The Tellers were Eldred Besse, John De Graw and Harold Hoxie, sworn in by Town Clerk Michael J. O'Leary.

The following Town Meeting Members were present:

At Large	— 25
Precinct 1	— 53
2	— 51
3	— 34
4	— 47
5	— 42
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	252

It was unanimously voted that the Moderator be relieved from reading the preambles and the closing words in the Warrant.

## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**ARTICLE 1.** It was practically a unanimous vote in favor of combining Article 1—5 inclusive for the purpose of a general discussion only.

After a lengthy discussion it was voted:

That the sum of \$978,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a Junior High School building, and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$8,000.00 be appropriated from available revenue funds, and that the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$500,000.00 under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and the sum of \$470,000.00 under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note.—\$978,000.00.

VOTE: 140 in favor of adoption — 58 opposed.

## **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

- ARTICLE 2.** Unanimously voted that the Junior High School Building Committee be and it hereby is authorized, empowered and directed in the name and on behalf of the town to enter into and carry out all agreements necessary to plan, construct and originally equip and furnish a Junior High School building, or to take any action relative thereto.

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

- ARTICLE 3.** Unanimously voted that the vote of this Committee be received with thanks. (Report filed with the Town Clerk.)

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

- ARTICLE 4.** Unanimously voted that the Elementary School Building Committee be authorized to engage an architect and to secure plans and specifications for the necessary alteration and additional rooms and facilities at the Rogers School in general conformity with plans they have made and recommended for that school, and to present the plans at an Annual or Special Town Meeting for action thereon, and that the sum of \$4,000.00 be appropriated for the forthcoming services, and that an additional appropriation of \$200.00 be made for the expenses of this Committee and that these appropriations be placed in the Tax Lavy of 1955. — \$4,200.00.

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

- ARTICLE 5.** Unanimously voted to postpone this article indefinitely.

## **MAIN STREET**

- ARTICLE 6.** Unanimously voted to transfer \$6,000.00 from the Reconstruction of Main Street Account for the purpose of resurfacing Main Street from Elm Avenue north to Wood Street at this time. — Transfer \$6,000.00.

## **ANNOTATED LAWS**

- ARTICLE 7.** Unanimously voted to amend Article 43 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 20, 1954, which authorized the purchase of the "forthcoming issue" of Annotated Laws so that the "current" issue of the Annotated Laws may be purchased with funds voted at that time.

### RAILROAD PROPERTY

- ARTICLE 8.** After much discussion the vote on the adoption of Article 8 was opposed, not a vote.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING MAP

- ARTICLE 9.** Unanimously voted to amend the Zoning Map by extending an existing Business District on the westerly side of Sconticut Neck Road to include land on the Easterly side of said road, with a 20 foot setback.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING MAP

- ARTICLE 10.** The adoption of this article was opposed, not a vote.  
Voted to adjourn at 10:15 P.M.

### LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 26, 1955

	1955 Tax Levy	Transferred
<b>Article 1 (a)</b> Junior High School	\$978,000.00	
<b>Article 4 (b)</b> Elementary School Building Committee	4,200.00	
<b>Article 6</b> Main Street		\$6,000.00
	<hr/> \$982,200.00	<hr/> \$6,000.00

### SUMMARY:

1955 Tax Levy	\$982,200.00
Trans. from Reconstruction of Main Street Account	6,000.00
Total Appropriations	<hr/> \$988,200.00

# Special Town Meeting

AUGUST 11, 1955

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The meeting was called to order at 7:41 P.M. by Moderator Stuart M. Briggs. The Tellers were Harold L. Hoxie, Eldred E. Besse and John B. DeGraw, who were sworn in by the Town Clerk, Michael J. O'Leary.

The following Town Meeting members were present :

At Large —	24
Precinct 1 —	42
2 —	46
3 —	34
4 —	47
5 —	45
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	238

Unanimously voted to eliminate the reading of the preamble and closing of the articles.

## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

- ARTICLE 1.** Voted: that a Junior High School Building Committee, consisting of John L. Harrison, Edith M. Moore, Albert M. Gonsalves, George C. Perkins, James J. Medeiros, Earl Moore and Sherman H. Rounsville, be appointed and that said Committee be authorized to receive all records, information, reports and plans of the previous Junior High School Building Committee, and that the unexpended balance of \$1,752.43 remaining in the general expense account or accounts of the previous Junior High School Building Committee be transferred to defray the general expenses of this Committee.
- 219 members were counted in the hall, 155 voted in favor of the above.

## JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- ARTICLE 2.** Unanimously voted that the Junior High School Building Committee be authorized to procure additional preliminary plans and drawings for a Junior High School building and

to transfer the unexpended balance of \$13,000.00 remaining of the funds voted for that purpose to the previous Junior High School Building Committee at the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting held March 27, 1954.

#### **AMENDMENT TO LAW**

- ARTICLE 3.** 133 voted (to 82) in favor of accepting the provisions of Chapter 562 of the Acts of 1955 which is "An Act relative to Referendum Procedure in the Town of Fairhaven."

#### **PETITION TO THE GENERAL COURT**

- ARTICLE 4.** Unanimously voted that Article 4 be laid on the table.

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE — ROGERS SCHOOL**

- ARTICLE 5.** Unanimously voted that the Committee's report be accepted and the Committee be continued.

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE — ROGERS SCHOOL**

- ARTICLE 6.** Unanimously voted to postpone this article until the next Annual or Special Town Meeting.

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE — ROGERS SCHOOL**

- ARTICLE 7.** Unanimously voted to postpone this article until the next Annual or Special Town Meeting.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF PHILIP STREET**

- ARTICLE 8.** Voted very heavily in favor of postponing action on this article until the street is brought up to grade and graveled to the satisfaction of the Highway Superintendent, and be resubmitted to the next Annual or Special Town Meeting.

#### **GAS COMPANY EASEMENT**

- ARTICLE 9.** Unanimously voted to grant to New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co. a perpetual right and easement to erect and maintain a line with the necessary poles, wires and other fixtures for the transmission of electricity over and across land of the Town of Fairhaven situated in said Fairhaven,

Bristol County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, located substantially as follows :

Being the town dump lot located between Bridge Street on the south and land of Edward J. Harrington, Trustee under the will of Michael J. Kerns, on the north and being the land shown as Lot No. 3 on Fairhaven Assessors' Plat No. 26; or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING BY-LAW**

**ARTICLE 10.** Unanimously voted to postpone indefinitely all sections of Article 10.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING BY-LAW**

**ARTICLE 11. Zoning Map Amendment — Huttleston Ave. at Holcomb St.**  
Unanimously voted to amend the zoning map by extending an existing Business District with a 20 ft. setback on the southerly side of Huttleston Ave. at Holcomb St., easterly along Huttleston Ave. to the extended westerly line of Maciel Street, or easterly to the Business District next east of Maciel Street.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING BY-LAW**

**ARTICLE 12. Zoning Map Amendment — east side of Pleasant St.**  
Unanimously voted to postpone this article indefinitely.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING BY-LAW**

**ARTICLE 13. Zoning Map Amendment — southerly side of Washington St.**

VOTE : Article defeated.

VOTED TO ADJOURN at 9:30 P. M.

#### **SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD AUGUST 11, 1955**

<b>Art. Transfer from:</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1. Junior High School Bldg. Com. Exp. Junior High School Bldg. Com. Expense		\$1,752.43
2. Junior High School Bldg. Com. Plans Junior High School Bldg. Com. Plans		\$13,000.00



# Special Town Meeting

OCTOBER 15, 1955

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 1:37 P.M. by the Moderator, Stuart M. Briggs. The following Tellers were sworn in by Michael J. O'Leary, Town Clerk; Wallace B. Baylies, Eldred E. Besse and James Parkinson.

The Town Meeting members present:	At Large	22
	Precinct 1	47
	Precinct 2	47
	Precinct 3	23
	Precinct 4	46
	Precinct 5	38
	Total	223

It was moved and voted: The Moderator be relieved of reading the full text of the articles and the reading of the preambles of the Warrant.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING MAP

- ARTICLE 1.** Unanimous vote in favor of adopting Article 1 as follows:  
To amend the Zoning Map by extending an existing business district on the northerly side of Washington Street 273 feet westerly, then 123.88 feet northerly; then easterly 262.75 feet; then southerly 123.88 feet to Washington Street with 20 foot set back on all ways, in accordance with a petition of Emile Deschamps and a plan filed with the Planning Board.
- ARTICLE 2.** Unanimous vote in favor of adoption of Article 2, as follows:  
To amend the Zoning Map by extending an existing business district located on the northerly side of Washington Street and the westerly side of Slocum Street to include a triangular lot of land on westerly side of Slocum Street northerly 200 feet; then westerly 10 feet; then south-westerly 225.67 feet; then easterly 115.21 feet to point of beginning, in accordance with a petition of Noel B. Couture and a plan filed with the Planning Board.

- ARTICLE 3.** Unanimous vote in favor of a postponement of this article until the next Special or Annual Town Meeting to change from a single residential district to a business district with 20-foot set-back on all ways land on the northerly side of Washington Street as follows:

Beginning on the northerly side of Washington Street at the easterly boundary line of land owned by the Fairhaven Water Company, easterly 260 feet; then northerly 140 feet; then westerly 300 feet; then southerly 137.91 feet to its point of beginning, in accordance with a plan filed with the Planning Board and petition of Emily Alden, dated August 1, 1955.

#### **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

- ARTICLE 4.** After much discussion vote was taken by secret ballot as follows:

YES	124
NO	83
BLANKS	2

**Motion defeated:** Needed 139 YES. 2-3 majority of those voting required.

#### **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

- ARTICLE 5.** Unanimous vote in favor of an indefinite postponement of Article 5.

#### **ROGERS SCHOOL ADDITION**

- ARTICLE 6.** Report of the Elementary School Building Committee was read by Mr. Cecil Whittier.

- ARTICLE 7.** Unanimous vote in favor of adoption of Article 7, as follows:

That the sum of \$10,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the preparation of architects' final plans and preparation of specifications for bids for an addition to the Rogers School and that said sum be provided by a transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account, and that the Elementary School Building Committee be authorized to expend the same for the purpose, provided approval of the preliminary plans if first obtained from the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission. \$10,000.00

- ARTICLE 8.** Unanimous vote in favor of the Elementary School Building Committee being authorized to obtain bids for the

construction of an addition to the Rogers School, no bid to be accepted until an appropriation for this purpose has been made, and that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated for the expense of the Committee, and that said sum be provided by a transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account. \$1,000.00

#### **ADDITIONAL LAND FOR ROGERS SCHOOL — UNION STREET**

- ARTICLE 9.** Vote to discontinue that portion of Union Street between the east line of Chestnut Street and the west line of Pleasant Street as a public way and to transfer it to the School Committee for school purposes, carried by a very heavy majority. 128 in favor; 26 opposed.

#### **FORMER RAILROAD LAND**

- ARTICLE 10.** Unanimous vote in favor of Article 10, as follows:  
That the land bounded northerly by the Rogers School playground, easterly by Pleasant Street, southerly by land of one Bates, and westerly by Chestnut Street, be transferred to the School Committee for school purposes, subject to use of the property by the Town for any purpose that does not permanently conflict with its use.

#### **BATES LAND**

- ARTICLE 11.** Unanimous vote in favor, as follows:  
That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase or to take by right of eminent domain for school purposes the land bounded northerly by other land of the Town of Fairhaven, easterly by Pleasant Street, southerly by South Street, and westerly by Chestnut Street and that the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) be appropriated therefor out of the Excess and Deficiency Account. \$600.00  
Motion to reconsider Article 4 — Junior High School Construction.  
On vote — Motion lost — 163 members in the hall. Needed to carry — 109. Motion received 92 votes.

#### **EDDY STREET**

- ARTICLE 12.** Unanimous vote in favor of accepting Eddy Street, according to description and plan entitled Eddy Street, Subdivision, situated in Fairhaven, Mass. to be developed by Fairhaven Development Corporation.  
MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:10 P.M.

1955

**TOWN MEETING MEMBERS AT LARGE**

**32 Members**

Raymond G. Archambault	72 Adams St.
Christopher J. Birtwistle	122 Pleasant St.
Stuart M. Briggs	45 William St.
F. Eben Brown	314 Main St.
Herbert L. Candage	228 Green St.
Noel B. Couture	194 New Boston Rd.
Charles R. Dugdale	288 Washington St.
Arsene G. Duval	348 Main St.
Joseph L. Faria, Jr.	39 Elizabeth St.
Albert M. Gonsalves	145 Washington St.
Waldo E. Haydon	43 Hedge St.
John Jarvis	134 Bridge St.
Charles W. Knowlton	30 Elm Avenue
Clarence E. MaGuire	39 E. Wilding St.
Lawrence B. Maxfield	91 Bridge St.
Thomas J. McDermott	25 Oak St.
Edith M. Moore	178 Adams St.
Michael J. O'Leary	89 Laurel St.
James Parkinson	32 Linden Ave.
Alfred Raphael	152 E. Coggeshall St.
John M. Reilly	55 Massasoit Ave.
Filbert A. Silveira, Jr.	235 Green St.
Walter Silveira	248 Green St.
Albert E. Stanton	141 New Boston Rd.
William Tallman	28 Fort St.
Clarence A. Terry	8 Middle St.
Charles E. P. Thompson	65 Center St.
Ernest Tripanier	374 Main St.
G. Winston Valentine	28 Spring St.
Susan B. Vincens	7 Middle St.
Kenneth Rogers Vining	41 Fort St.
Cecil H. Whittier	68 Laurel St.

### 63 Town Meeting Members — Precinct One For Three Years

Myra M. Bryan	81 Laurel St.
Richard C. Bryan	81 Laurel St.
Maurice C. Canedy	69 Laurel St.
Merrill G. Closson	18 Laurel St.
Joseph A. Dailey	5 Pleasant St.
Armand A. Guilmette	59 Cottage St.
James J. Hanlon	44 Laurel St.
John L. Harrison	61 Union St.
Jack B. Hirschmann	9 Main St.
William L. Lacasse, Jr.	69 Cedar St.
Daniel T. Longden	76 Center St.
Eliot R. Mowat	62 Church St.
James F. Murphy, Jr.	8 Cottage St.
Carl Nelson	48 Center St.
Marie R. Noyer	97 Fort St.
Alice M. O'Leary	81 Cedar St.
Anson W. Paine	48 Cottage St.
Augustus Pease	112 Pleasant St.
Edward L. Soares	25 Fort St.
Dorothy M. Tetreault	57 Union St.
Mary S. Toledo	27 Union St.

### For Two Years

George B. Ames	9 Fort St.
Wallace B. Baylies	26 Laurel St.
Colby H. Benson	89 Fort St.
Colby H. Benson, Jr.	89 Fort St.
Eli G. Braley	18 Cedar St.
Ellsworth M. Burgess	12 Middle St.
Hans A. Darwin	65 Main St.
Chester M. Downing	78 Chestnut St.
Bradley F. Drake	7 Laurel St.
Melvin Entin	5 Laurel St.
Frederick J. Hayward	7 Green St.
Harold L. Hoxie	50 Green St.
George J. Martin	63 Main St.

Audell W. Monk, Jr.	25 Green St.
Warren G. Pierce	37 Laurel St.
Harry L. Pope	16 Fort St.
Bradford C. Terry	14 Maple Ave.
Clarence B. Terry	22 Green St.
Warren C. Thompson	71 Green St.
Alden F. Trull	15 Doane St.

### For One Year

Howard S. Bates	79 Chestnut St.
Mary H. Battaini	6 William St.
Kenneth E. Bennett	53 Church St.
Eli G. Braley, Jr.	17 Cedar St.
James B. Buckley	51 Green St.
Elizabeth H. Church	33 William St.
Earl E. Clark	46 Church St.
Howard M. Copeland	18 Maple Ave.
Willis H. Doran	61 Laurel St.
Clifton E. Dwelly	84 Fort St.
Wendell T. Eldredge	118 Pleasant St.
Charles L. Faunce	23 South St.
Rufus W. Foster	7 Fort St.
Raymond C. Harding	85 Fort St.
Arthur R. Knox	40 Green St.
Linneaus W. Morton	66 Laurel St.
James E. Muldoon	52 Green St.
Maud E. Stafford	44 Green St.
Cuthbert W. Tunstall	12 Maple Ave.
Norman H. Hayes	14 Fort St.

### 66 Town Meeting Members — Precinct Two For Three Years

Edward August	138 William St.
Leonard G. Cejka	32 Hedge St.
James A. Dellecese	16 Ash St.
Rodolphe Godreau	38 Huttleston Ave.
David B. Grew	75 Francis St.
Thomas H. Johnson	62 Francis St.



Charles Joseph	60 Linden Ave.
Irene C. Joseph	60 Linden Ave.
E. Manuel Kanter	28 Cherry St.
Irvin O. Law	51 Elm Ave.
Antone C. Martin, Jr.	32 Huttleston Ave.
Rudolph B. Matland	39 Elm Ave.
Royal C. Parkinson	65 Hedge St.
Edward E. Perry	63 Larch Ave.
Joseph Pimental	34 Taber St.
Phyllis M. Ray	46 Hedge St.
Rufus M. Rezendes	64 Elm Ave.
Joseph R. Rioux	177 Main St.
Leonard Roderick	54 Oxford St.
George C. Silsby	33 North St.
Raymond F. Thompson	59 Elm Ave.

#### For Two Years

Russell William Baldwin	68 Oxford St.
Samuel C. Barrett	138 Alden Rd.
Milton L. Bold	24 Francis St.
Paul E. Despres	148 No. Walnut St.
Roland J. Despres	34 Bridge St.
Richard H. Dunwoodie	6 Elm Ave.
Harold C. Fisher	151 Main St.
Elizabeth I. Hastings	210 Main St.
Ernest C. Horrocks, Jr.	4 Wood St.
George A. Lapierre	194 Main St.
Gilbert E. Long	23 Francis St.
Arthur M. Nunes	40 Bridge St.
William F. Pelton, Jr.	30 Elm Ave.
George C. Perkins	10 Lafayette St.
J. Milton Rex	52 Massasoit Ave.
George A. Selley	32 Taber St.
Bertha S. Slater	145 No. Walnut St.
George A. Snedden	24 Larch Ave.
Joseph A. Walker	17 Huttleston Ave.
Webster Wilde	26 Larch Ave.

### For One Year

Lillie B. Allen	5 Lafayette St.
Olive L. Brown	7 Oxford St.
Walter H. Brown, Jr.	6 North St.
Albert Greenfield	161 Main St.
John F. Hennessy	223 Adams St.
Henry Holland	131 No. William St.
John B. Humphreys	35 Lafayette St.
Marguerite A. Johnson	36 Oxford St.
Catherine H. Jordan	155 Main St.
Dorothy P. Jorgensen	44 Hedge St.
Wilbur A. Jorgensen	44 Hedge St.
Frank G. King	218 Main St.
Lewis Meal	22 Taber St.
Roger J. Messier	13 Hedge St.
Raymond M. Mitchell	34 Oxford St.
Thomas J. Mulvey	135 No. William St.
Hjalmer A. Ray	46 Hedge St.
James Reed, Jr.	34 Linden Ave.
John Rogers	225 Adams St.
Russell E. Shaw	40 Huttleston Ave.
Era H. Tripp	7 Lafayette St.
Hugh B. Darden, Jr.	191 Main St.
Evelyne B. Greenfield	161 Main St.
Marion L. Silsby	33 North St.

### 69 Town Meeting Members — Precinct Three For Three Years

Henry W. Braman	67 Sycamore St.
Eugene E. Caron	48 Wilding St.
Raymond J. Fournier	11 Haste St.
Oscar H. Gobeille	19 Sycamore St.
Richard Holmes	13 Howland Rd.
Walter P. Jachna	46 Spruce St.
Frank J. Krol	10 Newton St.
Ephrem Loranger	8 Garrison St.
Peter Majocka	123 E. Morgan St.
Ernest V. Martin	18 Haste St.

John Medeiros	331 Alden Rd.
Manuel Medeiros	22 Hawthorne St.
Frank Netinho	8 Hawthorne St.
John M. Pacheco	59 Sycamore St.
Armando Penha	22 Dover St.
Walter Polchlopek	60 E. Coggeshall St.
Wilfred Portway	46 Veranda Ave.
Manuel Rezendes	29 Garrison St.
Raymond Richard	418 Main St.
Albert M. Stevens	373 Alden Rd.
Jose V. Urquiola	39 E. Wilding St.
Gilbert Vieira	20 Morton St.
Percy Whitworth	34 Kendrick Ave.

### For Two Years

Jose M. Albino	14 Dover St.
Joseph Andrews, Jr.	71 Sycamore St.
Frank Avila	7 Magnolia Ave.
Albert Bissonnette	32 Jesse St.
Walter J. Borowicz	8 Winsor St.
Doris D. Bruce	8 Ball St.
Joseph A. Demanche	37 Hawthorne St.
Manuel Duarte	397 Main St.
Albert Giroux	24 Dover St.
Emile Klubowicz	292 Alden Rd.
John Laronda	373 Main St.
Jose Leitao	22 Hopkins St.
Antone Mareiro	23 Milton St.
Walter Marsh	15 Morgan St.
Joseph Martin	9 Brown St.
Eddie H. Montplaisir	315 Main St.
Robert R. Norris	25 Garrison St.
Alfred J. Pacheco	313 Main St.
Antone S. Pires	6 Deane St.
Anthony C. Plezia	415 Main St.
Joseph Sutcliffe, Jr.	241 Adams St.
Alfred J. Tripanier	374 Main St.
Theodore P. Wolan	65 Harding Rd.

### For One Year

Ludger Bissonnette, Jr.	403 Main St.
Robert M. Clunie	36 Harding Rd.
Alan B. Cooper	19 Garrison St.
Oscar L. Dupuis	2 Dover St.
Agnall G. Ferreira	393 Main St.
Edward Govoni	14 Deane St.
James Henshaw	11 Sycamore St.
Henry Jachna	55 Coggeshall St.
John J. Joaquim	30 Garrison St.
James Lawrence	30 Maitland St.
Adeline T. Levesque	19 Morgan St.
Manuel Machado	17 Hopkins St.
Antone Medeiros	318 Alden Rd.
Antone Medeiros	24 Jesse St.
James J. Medeiros	16 Morton St.
Joseph J. Olivera	75 E. Morgan St.
Frank Pimental	94 E. Morgan St.
Hilaire L. Richard	27 Magnolia Ave.
Lawrence V. Robinson	5 Wilding St.
Edward F. Rose	16 Deane St.
James B. Taylor	37 Maitland St.
Alfred Tripanier, Jr.	16 Mozart St.
Cecelia M. Urquiola	39 Wilding St.

### 66 Town Meeting Members — Precinct Four For Three Years

Manuel Alves, Jr.	44 Elizabeth St.
Ernest H. Baldwin	1 Mulberry St.
Hobart H. Boswell	54 Washington St.
Arthur Boucher	26 Rodman St.
John C. Bresnahan	140 Green St.
R. Bradley Carle	12 Christian St.
Edith K. Dias	52 Walnut St.
Frank Foster	45 East Allen St.
Philip T. Gidley	65 Farmfield St.
Joseph B. Goulart	155 Chestnut St.
Catherine O. Govoni	3 Almy St.

E. Cooper Jacques	132 Laurel St.
Harold R. Lawton, Jr.	52 Rodman St.
Rose L. Lawton	52 Rodman St.
Edward S. Lequin	16 Hitch St.
John F. Linehan	151 Chestnut St.
Elsie-Lee McCarthy	131 Chestnut St.
Frank E. Perry	32 Bryant Lane
Clarence S. Russell	22 Spring St.
Dorothy P. Saladino	85 Bridge St.
Claudia I. Schiller	59 Pleasant St.
Beatrice P. Thomas	63 No. Summer St.

### For Two Years

Thomas V. Alves	45 Spring St.
Edward G. Baldwin	36 Spring St.
Clarence I. Bangs	125 Laurel St.
Louis T. Brock	141 Pleasant St.
Norbert G. Cruz	19 Elizabeth St.
Enos E. Days, Jr.	67 Farmfield St.
Francis P. Delaney	143 Pleasant St.
Arnold M. DeTerra	53 Rotch St.
Edmond B. Ellison	34 Rotch St.
Edward J. Fisher	137 Green St.
William E. Flack	149 Chestnut St.
A. Russell Gifford	140 Chestnut St.
Lindsey S. Gifford	51 Pleasant St.
George A. Greene	40 Spring St.
Joseph G. Mello	192 Huttleston Ave.
Harold U. Pierce	147 Chestnut St.
Leonard E. Pierce	85 Church St.
Charles Radcliffe	17 Elizabeth St.
Harry Rogers	99 Bridge St.
Edward B. Spooner	133 Laurel St.
Stanley A. Wojcik	73 Bridge St.
Augustus H. Xavier	30 Huttleston Ave.

### For One Year

John Almeida	20 Hitch St.
Nella B. Bangs	125 Laurel St.

Eldred E. Besse	36 Washington St.
Frank E. Bettencourt	111 Main St.
Richard H. Carpenter	134 Pleasant St.
Alexander M. Clement	35 Summer St.
Frank Cruz	2 Washburn Ave.
John B. DeGraw	135 Green St.
Milton K. Delano	56 Walnut St.
Milton O. Fisher	105 Pleasant St.
Macy F. Joseph	117 Bridge St.
Rose E. G. Keen	93 Pleasant St.
Edward L. Kerin, Jr.	175 Green St.
Harold R. Lawton	52 Rodman St.
Earl A. Moore	69 Rotch St.
Dorothy B. Rogers	3 Mulberry St.
Joseph A. Saladino	85 Bridge St.
Orsman A. Shumway	78 Washington St.
Charles K. Sisson	122 Spring St.
Morris E. Teixeira	44 Spring St.
Thomas R. Thomas	63 No. Summer St.
Mildred E. Webb	149 Green St.

**75 Town Meeting Members — Precinct Five  
For Three Years**

Jacintho Andrade	379 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Martha Bissaillon	653 Washington St.
Victor Brunette	65 Mill Road
William Burrows	104 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Gilbert Costa	40 Harvard St.
Cecile A. Daley	60 Jerusalem Rd.
Louis E. Doucette	294 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Hugh C. Francis	623 Washington St.
Doris Green	396 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Charles E. Hoard, Jr.	32 Harvard St.
William E. Howard	5 Mill Road
John P. Landry	7 Eaton Road
Ernest P. Langevin	42 Harvard St.
Charles I. LeBlanc	6 Bayview Ave.
Catherine F. Machado	479 Sconticut Nk. Rd.



Albert E. Murray	21 Winsegansett Ave.
Olive M. Murray	21 Winsegansett Ave.
Harold J. O'Brien	5 Ocean Ovenue
Joseph Pauline	12 Highland Ave.
Donald A. Spooner	36 Harvard St.
Lucy M. Wallbank	580 Washington St.
William A. Wallbank	580 Washington St.
Florence J. Washburn	40 Harvard St.
Stanley J. Washburn	40 Harvard St.

### For Two Years

Mary I. Amaral	2 Studley St.
R. Donat Audette	383 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Antoine Balthazar	123 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Harry D. Bridges, Jr.	295 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Frank S. Brown	362 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Manuel S. Brown	506 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Richard Cardoza	22 Harvard St.
Bertha S. Cory	5 Weeden Road
Clarence M. Cory	5 Weeden Road
Manuel DeSouza	35 Pine Grove Lane
Charles M. Faria	10 Weeden Road
John W. Forgeie	R65 Mill Road
Carl J. Govoni	140 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
James E. Green	396 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Frank G. Machado	479 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Charles A. Maxfield, Jr.	388 Washington St.
Elmira D. McKenzie	346 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Joseph H. McKenzie	346 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Arthur J. Mullen	325 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Alexander Pifko	20 Bayview Avenue
Paul A. Pifko	20 Bayview Avenue
Anthony Souza	31 Raymond St.
Elinor C. Vander Pol	757 Washington St.

### For One Year

Elsie Aiken	342 Washington St.
Milton G. Aiken	342 Washington St.

Reuben A. Austin	544 Washington St.
Raymond T. Babbitt	71 Aiken St.
Everett G. Barrow	48 Seaview Avenue
Lewis F. Blossom	565 Washington St.
Samuel R. Costa	5 Manhattan Ave.
Armand J. Cote	5 Bay Street
William V. Dean	776 Washington St.
Allerton T. Delano	453 Washington St.
Antone S. Faustino, Jr.	162 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Joseph Fleurent, Jr.	680 Washington St.
Louis B. Gold	Wilbur's Point
Manuel B. Goulart	365 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Albert W. Guilmette	13 Harvard St.
Montgomery C. Lowry	33 Perry St.
Lawrence R. Marra, Sr.	273 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Pauline H. Maxfield	388 Washington St.
John Souza	465 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Eugene F. Sullivan	61 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Marinus Vander Pol	757 Washington St.
Manuel Viveiros	290 Sconticut Nk. Rd.
Ruth H. White	16 Bay St.
William White	16 Bay St.
Oren S. York	558 Washington St.

## Jury List for 1955

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Lazarus Alexion	221 Green St.	Manager
Elsie Aiken	342 Washington St.	Housewife
Florence M. Allmond	24 Cottage St.	Housewife
Alfred Boudreau	28 Briercliffe Rd.	Jeweler
Walter J. Borowicz	8 Winsor St.	Accountant
Clarence I. Bangs	125 Laurel St.	Shoe Salesman
Stuart M. Briggs	45 William St.	Auto Salesman
Eli G. Braley, Jr.	17 Cedar St.	Vice President
Earl E. Clark	46 Church St.	M. V. Inspector
Mary P. Caton	86 Adams St.	Housewife
Hans A. Darwin	65 Main St.	Manager
Frank W. Dillingham	138 Chestnut St.	Truck Driver
Joseph A. Demanche	37 Hawthorn St.	Heating Contr.
James T. Dunn	216 Main St.	Salesman
Mrs. Dorothy L. Dreher	8 Maple Ave.	Housewife
Paul L. Fisher	8 Allen St.	Mach. Opr.
James O. Green	21 Francis St.	Supervisor
Louis B. Gold	Nelson Ave.	Retired
Hildegarde F. Grindrod	124 Green St.	Credit Mgs.
Paul H. Hirst	4 Maple Ave.	Maintenance
J. Edwin Jones, Jr.	87 Laurel St.	Purch. Agent
Frederick Joerres	15 Capeview St.	Dyemaker
Dorothy M. Joerger	20 Bellevue St.	Housewife
Edwin Kerin	175 Green St.	Manager
Benjamin Knudsen	8 Gilbert St.	Fisherman
Mary A. Kobza	44 Blackburn St.	Housewife
Joseph Lacerda	14 Hitch St.	Service Sta. Opr.
Arthur Lavoie	141 Sycamore St.	Carpenter
James M. Leadbetter	26 Washington St.	Time Study Eng.
William Lacasse	67 Cedar St.	Salesman
Eliot R. Mowatt	62 Church St.	Supr. Employees
James J. Medeiros	16 Morton St.	Millwright
Leo A. McDermott	25 Oak St.	Mail Carrier

Roger M. Marx	22 Cherry St.	Broker
Charles A. Maxfield, Jr.	388 Washington St.	Draftsman
Joseph H. McKenzie	346 Sconticut Nk. Rd.	Assist. Eng.
Arthur M. Nunes	40 Bridge St.	Anodizer
Robert R. Norris	25 Garrison St.	Welder
Leonard E. Peirce	85 Church St.	Bank Teller
Paul A. Pifko	20 Bayview Ave.	Manager
William F. Pelton, Jr.	30 Elm Ave.	Service Man
Azdrea Razon	49 Sycamore St.	Foreman
John M. Reilly	55 Massasoit Ave.	Plumber
Bernard Roderick	44 Chestnut St.	Foreman
Clementina Raphael	152 E. Coggeshall St.	Housewife
Ralph M. Souza	79 Alden Rd.	Farm Imp. Dlr.
Ralph E. Stoddard	19 Kane St.	Mechanic
Erwin Spacht	12 Cooke St.	Plumber
Wilfred St. Onge	372 Main St.	Oiler
Joseph A. Saladino	85 Bridge St.	Mica-coordinator
George C. Silsby	33 North St.	Supervisor
Ruth B. Smith	15 Coe St.	Housewife
Dorothy P. Saladino	85 Bridge St.	Housewife
Earl R. Tripp	64 Chestnut St.	Watchman
Claude S. Tucker	97 Middle St.	Dock Builder
Marinus Van der Pol	757 Washington St.	Nurseryman
Gilbert Vieira	20 Morton St.	Theatre Mgr.
Harold J. O'Brien	5 Ocean Ave.	Sales Rep.
Warren M. Baldwin	8 Hedge St.	Painter
Arthur C. Bower	7 So. Chestnut St.	Dept. Supt.
Allen D. Besse	10 Cooke St.	Salesman
Manuel Calassa	355 Alden Rd.	Slasher Tender
Herbert L. Candage	228 Green St.	Paymaster
Edward Couza	Wilbur's Point	Post Office Clerk
Roger N. Demanche	292 Alden Rd.	Steamfitter
Joseph E. DeWolfe	22 John St.	Manager
George V. Emin	45 Cedar St.	Fish Handler
Paul L. Fisher, Sr.	8 Allen St.	Tap Straightener
Freeland H. French	49 Daniel St.	Mechanic
Januario J. Gonsalves	30 Perry St.	Janitor

Joseph B. Goulart	155 Chestnut St.	Fisherman & Capt.
Norman J. Hendricks	14 Blackburn St.	Operator
Joseph Hobson	38 Seaview Ave.	Shipping Clerk
Mrs. Eveline M. Holstius	8 Mill Rd.	Silk Winder
Harry D. Malcolm	63 Chestnut St.	Salesman
Robert Mathieson, Sr.	97 Pleasant St.	Foreman
Robert F. MacMillen, Jr.	53 Cedar St.	Salesman
Roger J. Messier	13 Hedge St.	Foreman
John R. Morgan	10 Coggeshall St.	Salesman
Arthur J. Mullen	325 Sconticut Nk. Rd.	Chiropractor
Milton I. Pardee	11 Cooke St.	Stockbroker
Harry T. Perkins, Jr.	43 Cedar St.	Industrial Eng.
Eric Pickup	100 Church St.	Salesman
John W. Plant	254 Green St.	Ret. Letter Carrier
Walter Polchlopek	60 Coggeshall St.	Weigher & Shipper
Mitchell Potkay	8 Daniel St.	Cure Man
Marshall M. Sawyer, Jr.	35 Bridge St.	Helper
Donald H. Sleeper	45 Gelette Rd.	Asst. Sales Mgr.
Frank M. Strojny	24 Ash St.	Grinder
Edward Wunschel	252 Sconticut Nk. Rd.	Second Hand
G. Leroy Bradford	17 Cottage St.	Retired
Alexander D. Bruce	132 Green St.	Salesman
Clarence M. Cory	5 Weeden Rd.	Salesman
Arthur A. Kennedy, Jr.	26 Cherry St.	Shipper
Harold E. McGoff	51 Mangham Way	Retired
Charles E. Shurtleff	5 Farmfield St.	Bookkeeper
Rexford A. York	770 Sconticut Nk. Rd.	Poultryman

# *The Millicent Library*

*Fairhaven, Massachusetts*



## *ANNUAL REPORT*

January 1, 1955, through December 31, 1955





## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

### **TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MILLICENT LIBRARY**

The end of the year is traditionally the time to review the things we ought to have done and the things that we ought not to have done. In the 1954 Annual Report we dedicated ourselves to the task of expanding the library service in the direction of the areas in Fairhaven that find the library inaccessible. Many people must be represented there, as again we find that only 25 per cent of the population are making use of our facilities.

East Fairhaven and Sconticut Neck would find it as difficult to share a branch library, if one could be found, as to get to the main library. Many residents of North Fairhaven find the Oxford Branch Library inconvenient to reach.

The additional services which this library and all other libraries offer — classroom collections in all the elementary schools, small collections loaned to the Homes (King's Daughters and Our Lady's Haven) are for use in these schools and institutions only and are meant to supplement books which are already available at the main library.

The problem of serving adequately a population of 13,395 distributed over an area of 11.7 square miles has a very obvious solution, but one which we never hoped to be able to provide until we received the following letter from Mrs. Philip E. Young late in December:

December 28, 1955.

*To the Trustees of the Millicent Library:*

I have been given to understand that your Board feels that the activities of the Millicent Library, and its service to all the people of Fairhaven, could be greatly increased if the Library had available a Bookmobile of the type now approved by the American Library Association already in use in many of the cities and towns throughout the country.

Therefore I am very glad to write you that I will give to the Millicent Library a sum for the purchase

of a Bookmobile in memory of my husband, Philip E. Young.

We have lived here since 1910 and Mr. Young and I have always been much attached to this town and interested in its growth. I feel he would have approved very much my doing this in his name.

Enclosed please find a check made out to the Millicent Library in the amount of \$5,000.00 and in the coming year I will provide whatever amount is necessary to be used to acquire a suitable and proper Bookmobile, not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Yours truly,

(Signed) EDITH B. YOUNG

(Mrs. Philip E. Young)

Besides the generosity and unselfishness of this act, Mrs. Young has chosen a most appropriate and satisfying monument to a man who was noted for his great public spirit. The gratitude that goes to Mrs. Young from the library Trustees, the staff, and the people of Fairhaven is deeper than can be said at the moment, and will increase daily as her marvelous gift is put to use.

### ***Book Supply and Demand***

We slightly exceeded our excellent circulation figures of 1954 by issuing 78,790 volumes in 1955. 1,937 volumes were added to our collection and 2,814 withdrawn, making our book stock 47,055 volumes in all.

Our collection is constantly being checked for books which need to be cleaned, repaired, or discarded. Binding costs are so high that only a very small percentage of needy books can be sent. Fortunately for us, Mrs. Hewitt has demonstrated an adeptness at book repair, thereby saving us considerable money and at the same time keeping the appearance of the shelves neat and clean.

Miss Pillsbury catalogued 2,018 books — 186 more than last year. We added 106 new books to our School Collection and 134 to the new Teen Shelves.

We have more borrowers than we have had for the last 14 years — 3,382 in all. 1,131 registered with us during 1955.

## **Library Activities**

*Work with the schools* consisted of the regular semi-annual visits to grades 1 - 7 by Mrs. Schmidt and the Librarian and the visits of the seventh grade pupils to the library in April. 4,099 volumes were sent out in the classroom library collections.

Summer *story hours* were held every Wednesday morning from June 29th through August 10th. At that time we felt that it would be wise to discontinue this activity because of the serious polio epidemic in the area. As a result of this curtailment we had a total attendance of only 1,380 children at these sessions during the entire summer.

Miss Beatrice Mosgrove volunteered her services each Wednesday morning and did a marvelous job keeping the children entertained until the stories began. She also conducted one of the story hours, as did Mrs. Joseph Rogers, Mrs. Harold E. Kerwin, Mrs. Ellen Rex, Mrs. William H. Rapp, and Miss Margaret Jackson.

Every summer the library organizes a *reading club* for the children. This summer the theme was yachting, and the club was named the Millicent Regatta. Each contestant received a sailboat that was entered in the race which progressed from buoy to buoy. The winners were: Grade 4: 1st prize, Carol Ann Hesketh, who read 87 books — more than any other club member; Grade 6: 1st prize, Charlotte Lawton, 2nd prize, Susan Jackson; Grade 7: 1st prize Eileen Monteiro.

Before an audience of 117 on Saturday morning, November 19th, at the special Story Hour during *Book Week*, the book prizes were awarded to the winners of the summer reading club Regatta.

During the week the schools were visited and an Open House was held which proved to be very festive, with eggnog and delectables as refreshments.

## **Interior Decoration**

One of the major changes that we made this year was converting the Reading Room into a Reading-Reference Room. Purchasing two counter-height book cases which we installed at the farther end of the room and making use of the other wall cases constructed the preceding year, we succeeded in

locating the complete reference collection more conveniently for general use. The curved end of the room, which is now separated from the main room by the new cases, is available as an alcove for those who wish to read and relax.

The tables and chairs in the room were rearranged so that more space would be made available. A new newspaper rack and magazine rack were assembled and decorated by Mr. Boucher.

The section in the book stacks where the Reference Collection was formerly located is now called the Teen Alcove and here can be found books with a special appeal for young people. The Teen Corner, which holds the newest books for teen-agers, was equipped with a new light.

The book stacks in the Children's Room were rearranged so that one section is devoted to the little people up to the third grade and another to youngsters of grades 3-5. The books in the cases against the walls are for children in grades 6-8. Two old round oak dining tables, donated by Miss Mabel L. Potter and Miss Ruth Barnes, were refinished by Mr. Boucher and fitted with wrought-iron legs. They now serve as reading tables in the Children's Room.

Two lights were installed to give better visibility in the work area at the rear of the library, and two peg bulletin boards were made by the janitor for the main Reading Room and the Children's Room.

The Children's Story Hour Room in the basement was completed this spring. The ceiling was painted white, the walls a light pink, and the floor black. With children's print curtains at the windows and colorful story-book pictures on the walls, we at last have a very inviting place for a gathering.

At the farther end of the basement the boiler-room doors were rehung to open outward. The magazine files were weeded and rearranged, and as a result, 6¾ tons of waste paper were sold.

## ***Exhibits and Gifts***

Our exhibit case held some unusual collections this year. Miss Mabel L. Potter loaned us silver made by the Incas, hand carved ivory heads, and a llama rug. Mrs. Hugh B. Darden, Jr., sent some of her collection of old candlesticks and candle



molds. One of Mrs. Eldred E. Besse's unique and colorful pictures created much interest. Children's story books describing industries of Cape Cod, together with miniature figures to illustrate, were loaned by the Misses Ruth Sargent and Marion Wood. These provided the final exhibit of the year.

The library is always remembered with gifts of books, periodicals and, this year more than ever, flowers. For donations of books we are grateful to Louis A. Baudoin, Ruth Chandler, John B. De Graw, Earl J. Dias, the Fairhaven High School, John Hayward, The Reverend Clifton G. Hoffman, Mrs. W. C. Huggard, John Keary, Mrs. Donat La Brie, A. P. Lewis, D. P. McDonald, the New England News Company, M. Pike, Plymouth Public Library, Alfred L. Poisson, Mrs. Flore Provencher, Mary Jean Schmidt, D. Austin Sistare, Mrs. Bancroft Winsor, and Mrs. Earl B. York. Special thanks are due Mrs. Hugh B. Darden, Jr., for donating to us a sizeable portion of the library of her mother, the late Mrs. James H. C. Marston, for many years a Trustee of the Millicent Library.

## ***Trustees***

Mr. Harry L. Pope, who had been a member of the Board of Trustees for 43 years, was obliged to tender his resignation in September because of his removal to California. It would be difficult to find an individual more sincerely interested in serving the library and in public service in general. The Board was extremely sorry to lose Mr. Pope in view of his years of devoted and conscientious service, but was obliged to accept his resignation with regret.

Mr. Earl J. Dias, author, newspaper writer, and teacher of English at the Fairhaven High School, was chosen to replace Mr. Pope.

## ***Staff***

We were saddened by the loss of one of our most faithful staff members, Miss Mary A. Sale, who passed away in September after an illness of a few months. Few indeed must be the residents of Fairhaven who did not know Miss Sale either as an elementary school principal and teacher or in her capacity as desk assistant at the Millicent Library. She was a familiar sight to all our borrowers at her accustomed place behind the charging desk. We cannot overestimate the efficient, loyal service which she offered to the Millicent Library since her ap-



pointment in 1946, and her passing has left a gap of which the staff is still keenly aware.

We were fortunate to have Mrs. William H. Rapp rejoin our staff as part-time worker at the circulation desk.

### ***Conclusion***

We reach the end of the year with the sense of having made considerable progress towards putting our house in order. We feel that we have accomplished something in the way of reorganizing our stock of books and, in addition, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Philip E. Young, we may look forward to providing better and more widespread service to the entire population of Fairhaven through the bookmobile which we shall now be able to add to our working equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

RITA E. STEELE,

Librarian.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

*Report of the Treasurer for the year ended  
December 31, 1955*

December 31, 1954, Balance on Hand ..... \$5,015.20

### *Receipts for 1955*

Town of Fairhaven .....	\$16,485.30	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Trust Fund) .....	2,500.00	
Fairhaven Water Company .....	4,800.00	
Fines .....	667.00	
Duplicate Pay Books .....	56.05	
Miscellaneous items .....	125.62	
	24,633.97	
		\$29,649.17

### *Payments*

Salaries — Library Staff .....	\$14,378.14	
Salary — Janitor .....	2,485.00	
Social Security .....	312.30	
Books .....	3,896.40	
Periodicals .....	1,123.89	
Book Binding .....	91.65	
Library of Congress catalog cards .....	253.70	
Telephone .....	207.13	
Gas and Electricity .....	766.62	
Fuel .....	342.00	
Insurance .....	426.45	
Water .....	18.00	
Annual report .....	96.04	
School bus .....	80.00	
Library and Office Supplies .....	1,283.75	
New Equipment .....	297.75	
Repairs to Equipment .....	167.17	
Building Maintenance and Repair .....	540.30	
Building Alterations .....	124.50	
	\$26,890.62	
Balance cash on hand December 31, 1955 .....		2,758.55
		\$29,649.17

### *Investments*

1,600 shares of Fairhaven Water Company Endowment with Commonwealth of Mass. ....	\$100,000.00
New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank .....	556.99
Philip E. Young Memorial Fund .....	5,000.00

Examined and approved:—January 12, 1956

EARL J. DIAS

R. McK. MITCHELL, Signed

(Signed) GEORGE A. GREENE,  
Treasurer.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

THE MILLICENT LIBRARY, FAIRHAVEN, MASS.

American Library Association Form of Statistics

*Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1955*

Name of Library—The Millicent Library

Town—Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Librarian—Rita E. Steele

Date of Founding—1893

Population served (1955) ..... 13,395

Assessed valuation of town (1954) ..... \$14,621,930

Terms of use—Free for lending and reference.

Total number of agencies ..... 12

Consisting of—

Central Library

4 Stations (Oxford Branch, High School Library,  
King's Daughters Home, Our Lady's Haven)

7 Schools (118 classroom collections)

Volumes placed in classroom collections are counted in circulation on the day they are moved from the Central Library and no complete record of use at the school is kept.

Number of days open during year (Central Library) ..... 303

Hours open each week for lending ..... 63

Hours open each week for reading ..... 63

### Book Stock

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Volumes at beginning of year .....	38,354	9,578	47,932
Volumes added by purchase .....	1,256	480	1,736
Volumes added by gift .....	189	12	201
Total volumes added .....	1,455	492	1,937
Volumes lost or withdrawn .....	2,643	171	2,814
Total volumes at end of year .....	37,156	9,899	47,055
Periodicals currently received .....			147
Publications issued .....	Annual report, monthly list of books		

### Use

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Total volumes loaned .....	50,423	28,367	78,790
Circulation per capita .....			5.9
Circulation per registered borrower .....			23.2

### Registration

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Borrowers registered during year .....	659	472	1,131
Total of registered borrowers .....	1,974	1,408	3,382
Per cent registered borrowers of population served .....			25.2%

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1955

### *Officers*

President.....	Lord Fairhaven
Vice-President.....	Stuart M. Briggs
Treasurer.....	George A. Greene
Secretary.....	Rita E. Steele

### *Trustees*

Henry Rogers Benjamin	Lord Fairhaven
Eldred E. Besse	George A. Greene
Stuart M. Briggs	Mrs. Lothrop Hedge
Morris R. Brownell	Raymond McK. Mitchell
Elwyn G. Campbell	*Harry L. Pope
Mrs. Orrin G. Carpenter	Miss Mabel L. Potter
Mrs. Hugh B. Darden, Jr.	William Tallman
**Earl J. Dias	Mrs. Alfred P. Wilbor

Chairman, Board of Selectmen

### *Standing Committees 1955 - 1956*

#### *Book Committee*

Lord Fairhaven, Chairman

Mrs. Carpenter	Mrs. Hedge
Mr. Dias	Mr. Pope
Miss Potter	

#### *Finance Committee*

Mr. Green, Chairman	Mr. Brownell
Mr. Benjamin	Mr. Mitchell
Mr. Briggs	Chairman, Board of Selectmen

#### *House Committee*

Mr. Besse, Chairman

Mr. Campbell	Mr. Tallman
Miss Potter	Mrs. Wilbor

### *Officers and Committees appointed biennially*

\* Resigned September, 1955

\*\* Appointed November, 1955

*Former Trustees 1893 - 1955*

Miss Ellen H. Akin .....	1893-1919
Edmund Anthony, Jr. ....	1902
Mrs. Sarah H. Anthony .....	1893-1912
Mr. Lyman C. Bauldry .....	1913-1939
William E. Benjamin .....	1893-1940
Edward L. Besse .....	1893-1947
Miss Sarah B. Clarke .....	1912-1933
Miss Edith Dana .....	1921-1951
Miss Georgia E. Fairfield .....	1920-1928
The Lady Fairhaven .....	1893-1939
William B. Gardner .....	1917-1941
James L. Gillingham .....	1893-1912
George B. Luther .....	1909-1951
Frederick B. Lyman .....	1904-1909
Mrs. James H. C. Marston .....	1943-1953
Charles Mitchell .....	1935-1954
Mrs. Lizzie F. Nye .....	1893-1919
Mrs. Eliza C. Pease .....	1919-1943
Henry H. Rogers .....	1893-1909
Henry H. Rogers, Jr. ....	1909-1935
Don C. Stevens .....	1893-1901
George W. Stevens .....	1893-1908
Mrs. H. H. Stillman .....	1919-1920
George H. Taber .....	1893-1901
George H. Tripp .....	1893-1943
Job C. Tripp .....	1902-1917
Thomas A. Tripp .....	1893-1953
Miss Anna B. Trowbridge .....	1929-1950
Charles W. White, Jr. ....	1902-1904
Walter P. Winsor .....	1893-1911
Mrs. Mary B. Winsor .....	1893-1921

## **LIBRARY STAFF**

Rita E. Steele .....	Librarian
Avis M. Pillsbury .....	Cataloger*
Lillian Schmidt .....	Children's Librarian*
Ruth Barnes .....	Secretary
Mona W. Staples .....	Circulation Assistant
Alice Rapp .....	Circulation Assistant*
Agnes F. Hewitt	
Assistant in Charge of Periodicals and Binding	
Judith Hirschmann .....	Student Assistant
Albin S. Silva .....	Oxford Branch Librarian
Arthur J. Boucher .....	Building Custodian

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### *Former Librarians, 1893 - 1953*

Don C. Stevens .....	Feb. 1, 1893 — May 31, 1901
Drew B. Hall .....	July 1, 1901 — May 31, 1911
Galen W. Hill .....	June 1, 1911 — Jan. 31, 1926
Louis Felix Ranlett .....	Feb. 1, 1926 — April 30, 1928
Avis M. Pillsbury .....	June 8, 1928 — Sept. 8, 1953

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\* Part-time



## **HOURS**

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### **MAIN LIBRARY**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9 a.m. — 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

9 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Holidays

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### **OXFORD BRANCH**

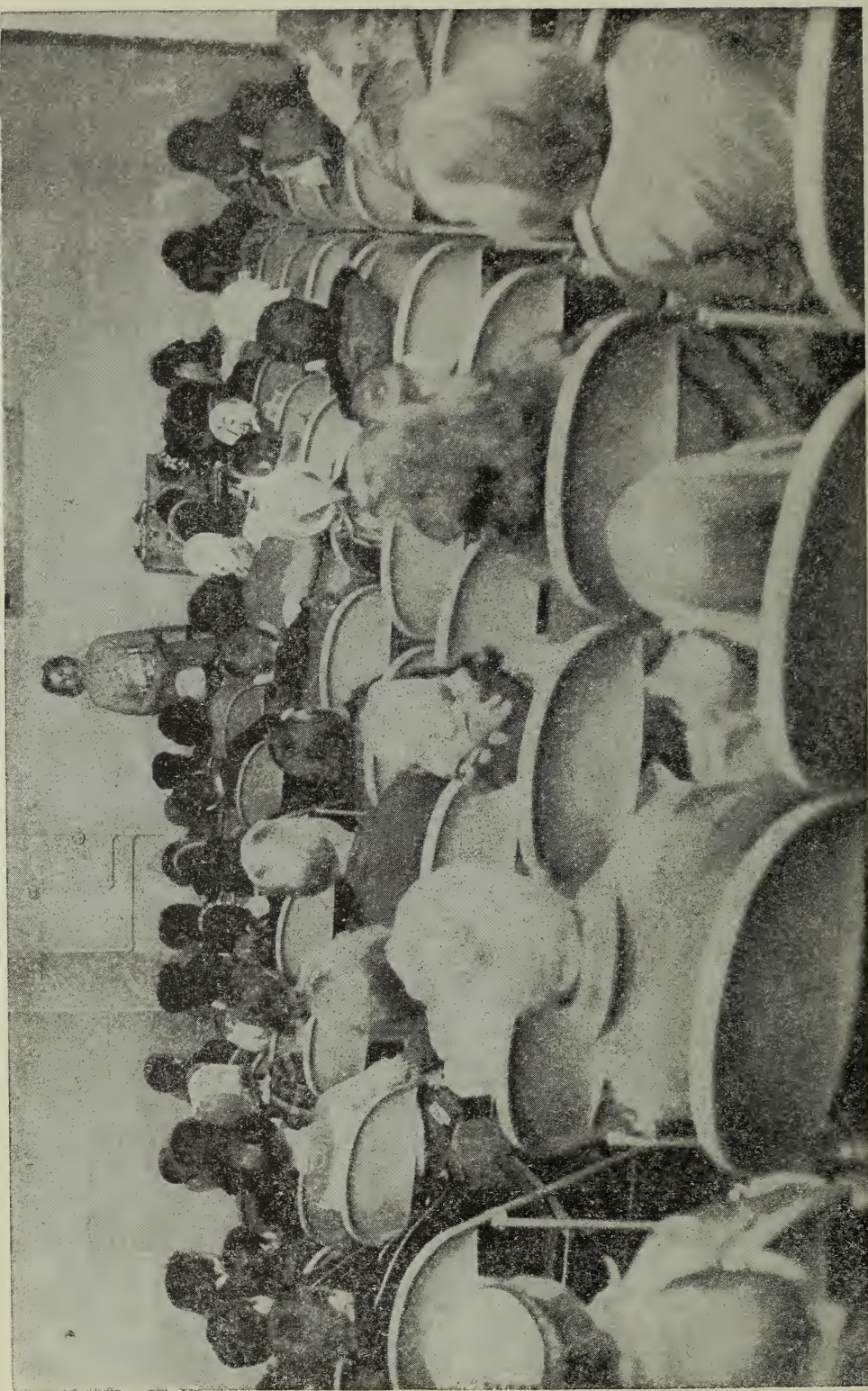
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7 - 8 p.m.



Three of the Summer Reading Club winners: Carol Ann Hesketh, Susan Jackson, and Eileen Monteiro.





# Report of State Audit

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Bureau of Accounts

State House, Boston 33

October 11, 1955

To the Board of Selectmen  
Mr. Walter Silveira, Chairman  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the general accounts of the town of Fairhaven for the period from June 7, 1953, and of the accounts of the town collector for the period from April 13, 1954, to June 11, 1955, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the general accounts of the town of Fairhaven for the period from June 7, 1953, and of the accounts of the town collector for the period from April 13, 1954, the dates of the previous examination, to June 11, 1955, and submit the following report thereon:



The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and reconciled with the books and records of the accounting officer.

The accounting officer's ledgers were analyzed, the recorded receipts being checked with the treasurer's books and the payments being compared with the warrants authorizing them and with the treasurer's records of payments. The appropriations and transfers were checked with the amounts voted by the town meetings as shown by the records of the town clerk and with the finance committee's records of transfers from the reserve fund, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on June 11, 1955.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and checked with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds. The cash balance on June 11, 1955 was verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements received from the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The reported payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust, investment, and retirement funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The transfers to the town were verified, the income was proved, and the other reported transactions were found to be correct.

A statement of the transactions and condition of the Henry H. Rogers High School Fund was furnished by the City Bank Farmers Trust Company of New York, Trustees, and a schedule for this fund was prepared and is attached to this report.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined. The additions to the tax title

account were checked with the collector's records, the reported redemptions and sales of lands of low value and of tax possessions were compared with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, the foreclosures were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and reconciled with the accounting officer's ledger.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked. The poll, personal property, and real estate taxes, the motor vehicle and trailer excise, and the departmental and water accounts outstanding according to the previous examination, together with all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved. The payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective controlling accounts in the accounting officer's ledger.

Verification of the correctness of the outstanding tax, excise, departmental, and water accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of licenses and permits issued were examined and checked in detail, the recorded payments to the treasurer being verified by comparison with the treasurer's and the accounting officer's books. The records of dog and sporting licenses were also examined, the payments to the State being verified by comparison with the receipts on file and the payments to the town treasurer being checked with the treasurer's cash book.

The surety bonds furnished by the town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of departmental collections by the selectmen, the sealer of weights and measures, and the building inspector, as well as by the police, health, and school departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.



There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's and the collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, together with schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust, investment, and retirement funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

Assistant Director of Accounts

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